



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2019

GOV. MSG. NO. 1260

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1525 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES.
ACT 158 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that home care agencies
2 provide an important service to independent but elderly or
3 vulnerable persons by providing home-based non-health care
4 services that enable those persons to remain in their homes,
5 rather than be admitted into costly residential care homes or
6 institutional care facilities. The legislature further finds
7 that in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of
8 those persons, the current licensure requirements for home care
9 agencies by the department of health should be retained.
10 Existing licensure requirements include background checks on
11 home care operators and workers and provide minimum standards on
12 the provision of home care services.

13 The legislature finds that Act 21, Special Session Laws of
14 Hawaii 2009, codified as section 321-14.8, Hawaii Revised
15 Statutes, requires that "each home care agency shall be licensed
16 by the department of health to ensure the health, safety, and
17 welfare of clients." The legislature notes that this statutory



1 licensure requirement for home care agencies is set to be
2 repealed on June 30, 2019.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to permanently
4 require home care agencies in Hawaii to be licensed by the
5 department of health.

6 SECTION 2. Act 21, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, as
7 amended by Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, section 2, is
8 amended by amending section 8 to read as follows:

9 "SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009[
10 ~~and shall be repealed on June 30, 2019; provided that sections~~
11 ~~321-11 and 321-11.5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the~~
12 ~~definition of "healthcare facility" in section 321-15.2, Hawaii~~
13 ~~Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which they~~
14 ~~read on June 30, 2009]."~~

15 SECTION 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
16 diminish or abrogate the requirements to obtain or maintain a
17 home care agency license or certification.

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2019.

APPROVED this 27 day of JUN, 2019



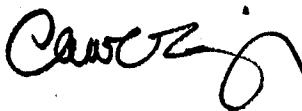
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 26, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2019.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1525, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

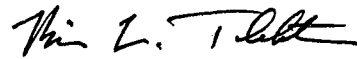
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives