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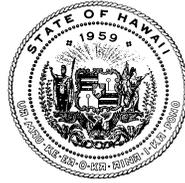
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Thank you

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1438
RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES.**

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SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Room Number: 229

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports SB1438, which is
2 part of Governor Green's Administrative Package, to clarify that the scope of services authorized
3 to be provided under a home care agency (HCA) license does not include services that otherwise
4 require a license pursuant to chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

5 This bill is needed to clarify that the Department may take enforcement action against
6 HCAs that provide services outside of the scope of their license. Some operators of HCAs
7 provide skilled nursing services to clients that are not rendered by a nurse licensed pursuant to
8 chapter 457, HRS. Because the State Board of Nursing may not have the authority to regulate
9 unlicensed providers of nursing care employed by HCAs, providing the Department with the
10 authority to ensure appropriate services are provided will more effectively protect patient safety.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I support the intent of SB1438 about Home Care agencies. But I question if the people who do these services actually understand these laws that are made for them. Many may not even be able to read or comprehend the written language if they don't even communicate orally in English with their clients. Many of these care givers are lead by agencies, who just want to profit in Hawaii and sometimes disagree on the cultural issues established in our aloha spirit. I have learned this from my lived experiences of my older siblings all being held in care homes, while I and other family members tried to survive in a society that didn't support our values to care for our own! You make laws, but like the ones that were made 20 years ago, does anyone comprehend them? We need better education, communication, and oversight into these agencies caring for our most vulnerable!