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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1145

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 14, 2025

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

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 14, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1477, H.D. 1,
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES.
ACT 045

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on MAY 14 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 045
H.B. NO. 1477
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the United States
2 Social Security Administration issues one monthly payment to
3 eligible recipients receiving care, or their representative
4 payee, that includes supplemental security income and the state
5 supplemental payment. The legislature further finds that the
6 state supplemental payment includes the personal needs allowance
7 for the individual receiving care and a domiciliary care rate
8 for the provider.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to increase the
10 domiciliary care rates for certain providers and clarify that
11 the needs allowance and domiciliary care rates are included in
12 the state supplemental payment ceiling amounts.

13 SECTION 2. Section 346-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

15 "(c) The director, pursuant to chapter 91, shall determine
16 the rate of payment for domiciliary care, including care
17 provided in licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary



1 homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult
2 foster homes, to be provided to recipients who are eligible for
3 federal supplemental security income or public assistance, or
4 both. The director shall provide for level of care payment and
5 needs allowance as follows:

- 6 (1) For adult residential care homes classified as
7 facility type I, licensed developmental disabilities
8 domiciliary homes as defined under section 321-15.9,
9 community care foster family homes as defined under
10 section 321-481, and certified adult foster homes as
11 defined under section 321-11.2, the state supplemental
12 payment, which includes the care rate and needs
13 allowance, shall not exceed [~~\$784.~~] \$829; and
14 (2) For adult residential care homes classified as
15 facility type II, the state supplemental payment,
16 which includes the care rate and needs allowance,
17 shall not exceed [~~\$892.~~] \$937.

18 If the operator does not provide the quality of care
19 consistent with the needs of the individual to the satisfaction
20 of the department, the department may remove the recipient to
21 another facility.



1 The department shall handle abusive practices under this
2 section in accordance with chapter 91.

3 Nothing in this subsection shall allow the director to
4 remove a recipient from an adult residential care home or other
5 similar institution if the recipient does not desire to be
6 removed and the operator is agreeable to the recipient
7 remaining, except where the recipient requires a higher level of
8 care than provided or where the recipient no longer requires any
9 domiciliary care."

10 SECTION 3. Section 346D-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

12 "(c) The State's supplemental payment, as authorized by
13 section 346-53(c)(1) and (2), for a needs allowance under
14 subsection (a) shall be increased by an amount necessary to
15 bring the allowance up to \$75 per month. The payment under this
16 section shall be afforded to an individual notwithstanding that
17 the individual is incapacitated; provided that the moneys may be
18 spent on behalf of the client, with a written accounting, by the
19 operator of the residence or facility."

20 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

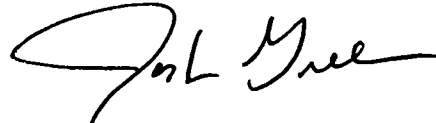


1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2025.



H.B. NO. 1477
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 14th day of May, 2025



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1477, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives

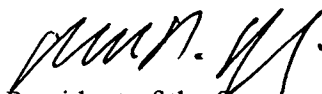


Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives


THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate