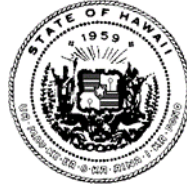


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February 8, 2023

TO: The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health & Homelessness

The Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1308 – RELATING TO FINGERPRINTING.**

Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2023, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329 & Videoconferencing, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) opposes this measure and offers comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to prohibit the department of health from requiring an applicant, operator, employee, or adult volunteer at a healthcare facility or private residence, to consent to fingerprinting except upon initial licensing or certification of the applicant or health care facility. In a private residence, other adults living in the home, who were not living in the residence at the time of initial licensing or certification, shall not be required to be fingerprinted more than once. Also, "resets" the initial fingerprinting and background check requirements if the licensee terminates and reapplies for a new license. Thus, healthcare facility applicants, employees, volunteers, and private residence household members will be fingerprinted only once and if the licensee terminates, the prior fingerprinting is to be "reset" when the former licensee re-applies.

The Departments of Human Services and Health have a joint Background Check System for healthcare employees, volunteers, and other adults living in private residences to ensure these adults are of reputable and responsible character.

Fingerprinting is the current biometrics used to positively identify adults. Limiting fingerprinting only upon the facilities' application and of new employees and volunteers or household members severely limits the departments from confirming the identities of adults who work, volunteer, and have daily access to our disabled and elderly adults who consider these facilities and residences their home. Confirmed identification of a facility's employees, volunteers, and household members allows the departments to immediately access the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fingerprint Check and Hawaii State Fingerprint Check to review these adults' histories further. Fingerprinting adults in facilities and private residences only once will reduce identifying who has regular contact and access to these disabled and elderly residents.

Facility employees turnover and household family members move in and out of private homes, but disabled and elderly residents remain in these facilities and private residences because they cannot live independently. These residents depend on the facility, private residence employees, and other adults in the household to keep them safe. Continued fingerprinting will help to keep disabled and elderly residents safe in their "home" in a facility and private home residences.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



February 10, 2023 at 8:30 am
Conference Room 329

House Committee on Health and Homelessness

To: Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi

From: Paige Heckathorn Choy
Associate Vice President, Government Affairs
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Submitting Comments
HB 1308, Relating to Fingerprinting

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high-quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 30,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit **comments** on this measure, which seeks to require the Department of Health (DOH) to require an applicant, operator, employee, or adult volunteer at a healthcare facility (or, in the case of a private residence used as a healthcare facility, any adult living in the home other than the client) to submit fingerprints only in connection with their initial licensing or certification.

We appreciate efforts to reduce regulatory or administrative burden in the healthcare industry. However, we have some outstanding questions on whether this measure, as written, may impede the ability of healthcare facilities such as nursing homes or hospitals to conduct fingerprinting and background checks as needed. Currently, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HARs) requires all direct patient access employees and volunteers to be subject to a background check. These checks must happen within five working days of hire and must be done for each of the first two years of employment and biennially thereafter. The rules state that a "name inquiry" may be used for this check in lieu of fingerprint, but there may be cases where fingerprinting is necessary.

We would also request that this committee consider clarifying that employers may require fingerprinting if required to complete a background check to meet HARs and any other applicable federal rules and laws outside of the initial licensing or certification. We would also seek to discuss with the DOH on how annual certifications done by their agency and the background check requirements on facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes might be modified under this proposed bill.

Thank you for the consideration of our comments.

HB-1308

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:44:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/10/2023 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosemarie S. Sebastian	ILWU Local 1000	Support	In Person

Comments:

Hello.

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I support this Bill 1308. I think that Finger Printing should be required for Caregivers, family members, substitute/volunteer caregivers--only during the initial start of any Care Home business. Any disabled (in a wheel chair) family members should be excluded from Finger Printing. A new person or individual coming to reside at the home of Care Home Operator now and in the future, should be required to do Finger Printing. Right now, our monthly pay for Room & Board does not include cost for Finger Printing. It is costly and not feasible for us to do Finger Printing annually or even every three years.

Thank you in advance for your kind support/vote for this Bill.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie S. Sebastian, Treasurer

ILWU LOCAL 1000

99-079 Kauhale St., #101, Aiea, HI 96701

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January 25, 2023

Honorable Chair, Rep. Della Au Belatti
Honorable Vice-Chair, Rep. Jenna Takenouchi
and
Health and Homelessness Committee Members:
Rep. Terez Amato; Rep. Greggor Ilagan; Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi; Rep. John Mizuno; Rep. Scott Nishimoto;
Rep. Diamond Garcia

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356; HB1491; HB1488; HB 1308

Aloha! We are writing to you today to support House Bill(s) which supports fairness for licensed home operators/providers in Hawaii. Licensed home operators/providers give daily care for the most vulnerable population in our State, the medicaid benefit recipient clients. We provide medicaid clients with their essential daily needs, as well as comfort, companionship, and supervision.

Licensed home providers have received no significant pay increases for medicaid recipient clients under our care for fourteen years (2008-2022). We are seeking fair compensation for those years and the years going forward. We are also seeking reimbursement for Covid-19 related expenses for ARCH and DDD licensed home operators/providers. Also, we seek the reinstatement of State funded "Respite Care" so that licensed home operators/providers could rest and recuperate for one week per year. Investment by the State in the improved compensation and fair treatment for our licensed home operators/providers will draw more interest in this profession and result in more new home operators/providers which will relieve some stress on hospital ER usage and reduce homelessness.

Licensed home providers are subject to unannounced inspections which could be any time of the day or night, and last for hours at a time. These unannounced inspections are very disruptive to our home environment and create tension and anxiety for home providers and clients/patients. Unannounced inspections should be limited to credible complaints of health or safety.

Licensed home providers (and our household family members) are also burdened with annual fingerprinting which is costly, inconvenient, and unnecessarily repetitive. Fingerprinting should be limited to initial licensing.

On behalf of our members, we, the executive board of ILWU Local 1000, ask for your support of the aforementioned Bills that promote fair treatment and compensation for all licensed home operators/providers in Hawaii.

<i>Susan Quinabo</i>	<i>Helen Sapla</i>	<i>Esther Pascual</i>	<i>Rosemarie Sebastian</i>	<i>Joenalyn Solmerin</i>
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ILWU Local 1000 represents licensed Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH) operators, Adult Residential Care Home Operators, Expanded ARCH operators, Developmentally Disabled Domiciliary Home operators.

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HB 1309, HB 1489/HB 1357, HB 1490/HB1356,
HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1358 & HB 1308

TO: HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS (HLT) COMMITTEE

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The State has also eliminated benefits to licensed home operators like respite care time and continuing education/training.

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Sincerely yours,

Name: Juanita A. Mayo

Address: 2817 Nihii St.

Hono. Hi. 96810

Date: February 08, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

Name: Gloria Prieto

Address: 2504 Likini St. Hon. HI 96819

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: Cronita Salvador

Address: 1537 Ala Iolani Place

Hon. HI 96819

Date: February 08, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

Name: Eusebia Ibara

Address: 99-603 Alia Place
Alia Hi. 96701

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: MARCELO IBERA

Address: 99-603 ALIA PLACE

AIHA, HI 96701

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: Esther B. Pascoal

Address: 1802 Waihira Pl

Honolulu, HI 96819

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: DEILIA C. SIMPLICIANO

Address: 94-106 KAUPA PLACE

WAIKANA, HI. 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

Name:

ANGELITA A. SOKA / Angelita A. Soka

Address:

94-346 Hene St.
Waipahu, HI 96791

Date: February 08, 2023

By Request For... [Illegible]

Dear Representative... [Illegible]
Hello. I am writing to you to ask for your support... [Illegible]
are health care contributors for the... [Illegible]
medical benefit recipients who are unable to... [Illegible]
housing, meals and dental, vision needs... [Illegible]

Inflation in costs to cover the cost of... [Illegible]
no significant increase in payments... [Illegible]

We licensed caregivers who are... [Illegible]
inspections of our homes and... [Illegible]

The State has also eliminated... [Illegible]
continuing education... [Illegible]

Please show your support and... [Illegible]

Sincerely yours,

David Weiss [Illegible]

P.O. Box 6977, Honolulu, HI 96866

Date 2/8/20

Re: Supplemental Report on the Progress of the Work of the Secretary

Dear Mr. [Name]:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am sure that they will give it the attention it deserves and will be glad to advise you of the result of their action.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Name]

The enclosed copy of the report is being furnished to you for your information.

Please accept my thanks for your interest in the work of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
[Name]
[Title]

Re: Support for SENATE BILL 1000, CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE ACT, HOUSE BILL 1000, CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE ACT, HOUSE BILL 1000

Dear Rep. Ben Davis, the Health Care Committee, House of Representatives, New York State

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the Children's Health Care Act. We are health care advocates for the State of New York. We are particularly concerned with the Medicaid based recipients who are unable to pay for their children's care for their housing, meals and other daily needs. We are also concerned with the children's health care services.

Inflation in costs is more for and less for our children's health care services. We have received no significant increase in payments from the State in the last 12 months.

We licensed caregivers who are working in the state of New York. We have received inspections of our services and working conditions for our family homebased caregivers.

The State has also established a committee to study the health care services for children and continuing care services.

Please show your support for the Children's Health Care Act.

Sincerely yours,

Victoria Davis

69 Melrose St. Albany, NY 12242

Date 02/1/02

Re: Support for SENIORS... HONORABLE... 1982

Dear Rep. Tommy G. Sings...
Hello, I am writing to you to ask for your support for the...
are health care contracts for the State of Hawaii...
medicaid benefit recipients who are unable to cover...
housing, meals and medical care.

Inflation in costs to care for our elderly...
no significant increase in payments...
We licensed caregivers also are...
inspections to ensure the safety of our...
The State has also eliminated...
continuing education training.

Please show your support and...
Sincerely yours,

Wayne Yamashiro

5147 Keiki/auia/Keolu

Date 2/7/20

Re: Request for information regarding the proposed new rules for the State of Hawaii, H.R. 1100

Dear Rep. Gene Quinn, Al Hironaka, James H. Hanover, Don Chan,
Edmund G. Snodgrass, John W. Waihele, A. Kenneth S. Miki, Don Garcia

Hello. I am writing to you to ask for your support for the proposed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care providers for the State of Hawaii. We care for the impoverished and the medical benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and clothing, daily health supervision, and in some cases, medical care.

Inflation in costs to care for ourselves and our patients has been significant but we have received no significant increase in payments from the State in fourteen of the last 15 years.

We licensed ourselves also and so received our compensation in the form of unannounced inspections of our homes and by the presence of our family members.

The State has also maintained services to that our home recipients care time and continuing education program.

Please show your support and vote for H.R. 1100.

Sincerely yours,

Edjeyana

P.O. Box 390, Honolulu, Hawaii

Date 2/7/73

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the services and operations provided. We are fortunate to have contracts with the State of Michigan for our medical services and the medical benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, transportation, and in some cases, medical care.

In addition, we have to care for and assist our employees who are sick, disabled and we have provided no significant increase in compensation for the State of Michigan of 10% last 10 years.

We would appreciate if you could provide information on the basis of our continued operations of our business and assist in providing support for our family household members.

The State has not provided benefits to support their employees through retirement and continuing education funding.

Please give your support and vote for the State of Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

Bradford Taylor

13 Keweenaw Pl. Detroit, MI 48226

Date: 1/7/23

Re: Request for SNM(a) HB1300, HB1480/HR1357, HB1480/HR1366, HB1491, HB1480/HR1386, HB 1300

Dear Rep./Sen. Della Ai Beloffi - chair Jenna Take nochi Vice Chair
T. Amato G. Ilogan B. Kobayashi J. Mizuno S. Nishimoto D. Garcia

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The State has also eliminated benefits to licensed home operators like respite care time and continuing education/training.

Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills.

Sincerely yours,

Ernesto Tedes (Name)

15-2716 Hanalei St, Pukoua HI 96776
(address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for HB1100, HB1101, HB1102, HB1103, HB1104, HB1105, HB1106, HB1107, HB1108, HB1109, HB1110, HB1111, HB1112, HB1113, HB1114, HB1115, HB1116, HB1117, HB1118, HB1119, HB1120, HB1121, HB1122, HB1123, HB1124, HB1125, HB1126, HB1127, HB1128, HB1129, HB1130, HB1131, HB1132, HB1133, HB1134, HB1135, HB1136, HB1137, HB1138, HB1139, HB1140, HB1141, HB1142, HB1143, HB1144, HB1145, HB1146, HB1147, HB1148, HB1149, HB1150, HB1151, HB1152, HB1153, HB1154, HB1155, HB1156, HB1157, HB1158, HB1159, HB1160, HB1161, HB1162, HB1163, HB1164, HB1165, HB1166, HB1167, HB1168, HB1169, HB1170, HB1171, HB1172, HB1173, HB1174, HB1175, HB1176, HB1177, HB1178, HB1179, HB1180, HB1181, HB1182, HB1183, HB1184, HB1185, HB1186, HB1187, HB1188, HB1189, HB1190, HB1191, HB1192, HB1193, HB1194, HB1195, HB1196, HB1197, HB1198, HB1199, HB1200

Dear Rep. Sen. Della Ai. Bo. Hi - Chair, Jenna Takeouchi Vice Chair
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We licensed caregivers also are burdened with over-regulation in the form of unannounced inspections of our homes and yearly fingerprinting of all our family household members.

The State has also sent local patients to licensed home operators like respite care time and continuing education/training.

Please give your support and vote for the aforementioned bills.

Sincerely yours

John J. ... (Name)

John J. ... (Address)

Date 5/1/22

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1306, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

Dear Rep./Sen. Della Au Belatti - chair Jenna Takeuchi Vice Chair
F. Amato G. Ilagan B. Kobayashi J. Mizuno S. Nishimoto D. Go
Hello. I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care contractors for the State of Hawaii. We care for the impoverished and the medicaid benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, supervision, and in some cases, medical care.

Inflation in costs to care for and feed our clients/patients has skyrocketed but we have received no significant increase in payments from the State in fourteen of the last 15 years.

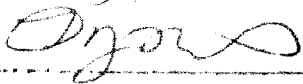
We licensed caregivers also are burdened with over-regulation in the form of unannounced inspections of our homes and yearly fingerprinting of all our family household members.

The State has also eliminated benefits to licensed home operators like respite care time and continuing education/training.

Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Stando



(Name)

Hilo, Hawaii

1562 Lanikai Pl.

(Address)

Date 02/08/2023

HB-1308

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:05:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/10/2023 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonathan Hanks	ILWU Local 1000	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Chair Mizuno, Chair Della Au Bellatti, Vice chair Terez Amato, Vice Chair Jenna Tokenouchi, and HUS/HLT committee members.

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed Carehome and CCFFH operators in Hawaii. We are Health care contractors for the state of Hawaii. We care for the Impoverished and the Medicaid benefit recipients, who are unable to care for themselves. We provide their housing, meals, snacks, assistance with all of the activities of daily living and 24 hour supervision, and transportation to medical appointments and much much more.

We licensed caregivers are burdened with the over regulation in the form of unannounced inspections of our homes and yearly fingerprinting costs, of all family household members.

Inflation in costs to care for the clients has skyrocketed, but we have received no significant increase in payments from the State of Hawaii in fourteen of the last 15 years. ***I strongly support HB1308.***

Mahalo,

Jonathan Hanks

HB-1308

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:24:06 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/10/2023 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juanita	Local 1000 ILWU	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Rep. John Mizuno

Chair Rep. Della Au-Belatti

Members of the Committee

Legislature 2023

I am in support of HB1308 relating to finger printing amendment.

My name is Juanita A. Ulep, Type 1 ARCH community-based health home provider for thirty-eight (38) years.

Annual finger printing is redundant. Furthermore, a person's fingerprint has not change since the time of birth till the last breath. Department of health don't even bother to review results before inspection.

Chair and members of the committee

Thank You

JUANITA A. ULEP

Local 1000 ILWU

Trustee

HB-1308

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:53:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/10/2023 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wilfred Ashley chang	ILWU International	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, we are in support of HB1308 as it addresses redundancy with regards to fingerprinting. Beyond financial impacts of yearly fingerprinting, there is a timing concern as it takes away from critical client care. Please support HB1308 as the language is clear with regards to initial compliance for licensing and certification.

Respectfully,

Wilfred A Chang Jr

ILWU International Representative Hawaii

HB-1308

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:27:13 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/10/2023 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mathew Yamamoto	ILWU	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chair Belatti,

Honorable Vice Chair Takenouchi,

Committee members,

Aloha! Please support this bill to stop requiring redundant and repetitive fingerprinting of licensed home operators and their household adult family members. Licensed home operators are currently being mandated to get fingerprinted every year or every two years (depending on what type of licensed home they operate). I know of no other profession which requires this. Not even released felons are required to get annual fingerprinting. Fingerprinting costs around \$60-\$70 per person, and the licensed home operators have three to ten household family members living with them in the home. This creates recurring cost and time spent for yearly or bi-yearly fingerprinting. Fingerprints don't change, so why is it necessary to repeat it so often? There is also the issue of setting appointments and travel to and from fingerprinting locations which are few. Many of the licensed home operators don't drive so travel is an issue for them.

I am attaching the group testimony for the Executive Board Members of ILWU Local 1000.

Mahalo for your time and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mathew Yamamoto

ILWU

HB-1308

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:27:11 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/10/2023 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Irie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Support Bills: HB1309: HB1489/1357: HB1490/HB1356: HB1491: HB1488/HB1358: HB1308

The aforementioned bills warrant strong support as they encourage contracted licensed home operators/providers reasons to continue their viable profession. It will also promote new licensed home operators/providers to fill a critical need.

HB-1308

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 8:34:06 AM

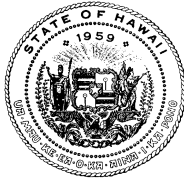
Testimony for HLT on 2/10/2023 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Norma Subia Tagatac	Norma Tagatac Adult Foster Home	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support to maintained the law to fingerprint each individual who are around patients in a home and for all caregivers in every facility and healthcare agencies. This is important to ensure that who ever we hire does not have criminal records.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII
KE KIA'AINA O KA MOKU'AINA 'O HAWAII



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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to H.B. 1308
RELATING TO FINGERPRINTING.**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: Friday, February 10, 2023

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to this
3 measure. With respect, this bill sends the wrong message to the public and establishes bad
4 public policy in state statute by failing to provide any other means to obtain information to
5 satisfy background check requirements aimed at protecting vulnerable elderly and disabled
6 persons who seek living arrangements and care from residential care homes and caregivers.
7 Moreover, this bill is not necessary.

8 This measure would amend HRS §321-15.2 and HRS §346-97 and require the
9 Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to limit the
10 frequency of fingerprinting of individuals to a single time in connection with required
11 background checks. The bill contains no exceptions or caveats to this strict requirement.

12 However, there is currently an alternative mechanism that provides relief from frequent
13 fingerprinting. It can be found in DOH's Chapter 11-106 Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR).

1 These rules provide a mechanism to avoid repeated fingerprinting or other examination of
2 criminal history records. The mechanism is that the person must enroll in the state's rap back
3 program administered by the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center. Rap back enrollment is
4 currently free and is available to any person who completes a fingerprint criminal records check.
5 The program keeps a record of who completed the fingerprint criminal records check and will
6 alert the relevant state agency if the background-checked person is subsequently arrested or
7 convicted of a crime. But if the person does not enroll in rap back or disenrolls but remains a
8 licensee, primary or substitute caregiver, or non-client resident in a residential care home, the
9 person must be subject to repeated fingerprinting and criminal records checks to safeguard the
10 elderly, disabled, or vulnerable persons residing in residential care homes.

11 Finally, DOH has been working in partnership with DHS Med-Quest Division (MQD) on
12 a background check portal which is aimed at streamlining the background check process. DOH
13 will defer to DHS on this bill's impact on their programs.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to this bill on those
15 requirements assigned to DOH and, respectfully, DOH requests this bill be deferred.

16 **Offered Amendments:** None.