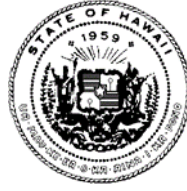


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TO: The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health & Homelessness

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

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: [HB 1309](#) – RELATING TO CARE HOMES.

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

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) offers comments, makes recommendations, proposes an amendment, and an extended effective date.

PURPOSE: This measure appropriates funds for room and board payments to certain care homes that care for medicaid-eligible clients.

Although DHS appreciates the intent to increase payments for room and board to Adult Residential Care Homes (Type I), currently, DHS does not make any room and board payments to care facilities. Instead, the State Supplemental Payment program, as outlined in sections 346-53(c) and (d), assists individuals residing in domiciliary care (Dom Care) to help cover their room and board. As noted below, these individuals must be eligible for federal supplementary income (SSI), public assistance, or both.

The supplementary income is paid to the Dom Care on behalf of the individual residing in the Dom Care home. Also, the amount includes the Personal Needs Amount (PNA) for the

individual, which is currently \$50. HB 916 considers increasing the PNA to \$75. The amount set in statute has remained the same since 2008. DHS requests that any additional appropriation needed for room/board increase be appropriated to the State Supplemental Payment (SSP) appropriation.

The State Supplemental Payment (SSP) appropriation is used for the following:

- Domiciliary care payments, as specified in section 346-53(c), HRS;
- Personal Needs Allowance for individuals residing in settings as specified in section 346D-4.5, HRS; and
- Administrative fees paid to the Social Security Administration (SSA) to add the SSP amounts to each individual's monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) check.

The applicable portions of section 346-53(c)-(d), HRS, reads as follows:

"(c) The director, pursuant to chapter 91, shall determine the rate of payment for domiciliary care, including care provided in licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes, to be provided to recipients who are eligible for federal supplementary security income or public assistance, or both. The director shall provide for level of care payment as follows:

(1) Beginning on July 1, 2008, for adult residential care homes classified as facility type I, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes as defined under section 321-15.9, community care foster family homes as defined under section 321-481, and certified adult foster homes as defined under section 321-11.2, the state supplemental payment shall not exceed \$651.90; and

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2008, for adult residential care homes classified as facility type II, the state supplemental payment shall not exceed \$759.90.

(d) On July 1, 2006, and thereafter, as the department determines a need, the department shall authorize a

payment, as allowed by federal law, for resident clients receiving supplemental security income in adult residential care home type I and type II facilities, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes as defined under section 321-15.9, community care foster family homes as defined under section 321-481, and certified adult foster homes as defined under section 321-11.2, when state funds appropriated for the purpose of providing payments under subsection (c) for a specific fiscal year are not expended fully within a period that meets the requirements of the department's maintenance of effort agreement with the Social Security Administration.

The payment shall be made with that portion of state funds identified in this subsection that has not been expended.

The department shall determine the rate of payment to ensure compliance with its maintenance of effort agreement with the Social Security Administration."

DHS strongly recommends that the criteria to receive the increase not be tied to Medicaid members (pg. 1, lines 6-8) and instead align with current criteria in section 346-43(c), HRS, (highlighted above).

DHS requests clarification as the care homes listed in this measure are only a subset of those listed in section 346(c)(1), HRS, above. DHS recommends that licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes be included. However, if the \$722 is limited to the sub-set of domiciliary homes named in the bill and only on behalf of a Medicaid eligible resident, section 346-53(c), HRS, will need to be amended to reflect the narrow group of caregivers to receive the increase. Additionally, the highlighted amount above would need to be increased to \$772 (\$722 Room/Board + \$50 PNA).

If the Legislature decides to include all of our recommendations, DHS further recommends that the Legislature update the purpose statement of the bill to reflect the update of the State Supplemental amount for the providers in section 346-53(c)(1), HRS, to \$722 plus the personal needs allowance of \$50 for a total of \$772. Then add the following amendments to section 346-53(c)(1), HRS,:

"Beginning on [~~July 1, 2008~~] July 1, 2023, for adult residential care homes classified as facility type I, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes as defined under section 321-15.9, community care foster family homes as defined under section 321-481, and certified adult foster homes as defined under section 321-11.2, the state supplemental payment shall not exceed [~~\$651.90~~] \$772;..."

Similar to DHS testimony on HB 916, the maintenance of effort (MOE) agreement with the Social Security Administration requires DHS to make retroactive payments to the care homes listed above if "regular" expenditures under (c) are insufficient for the MOE. In recent years, DHS has issued retroactive payments to comply with the MOE requirements. For example, in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022, DHS coordinated with SSA, and SSA paid \$3,764,504.19 in one-time retroactive SSP payments to address "shortfalls" by increasing expenditures. At the same time, we do not have an estimate of the exact number of care homes with Medicaid members, using the FY 2022 average number of individuals receiving SSP payments, 2129, with a monthly increase of \$121 ($\$772 - (\$601.90 + \$50\text{PNA})$) would be about \$3,068,315.

While the one-time retroactive SSP payment (shortfall) amount of approximately \$3,764,504 would be enough to cover the room and board increases, this assumes there will be no substantial increases in the number of eligible individuals entering domiciliary care home and nursing facility settings or if the Legislature contemplates other increases.

Depending upon how changes are made to the different measures on similar topics, DHS will continue to assess and clarify these proposals' impact throughout the session. However, regardless of which changes are made, DHS requests an extended effective date to make necessary changes to rules and system modifications.

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

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In support for Bills HB1309, HB 1489, HB1490, HB 1491; HB 1488/HB1358, HB 1308 and HB 222 - HD1, I submit the following testimony:

Silver Tsunami, Age Wave, Aging Tsunami. Metaphors that we hear all the time, to refer to the upcoming influx of baby boomers retiring at an accelerated rate and how it will strain a healthcare system already struggling to provide care to everyone. According to research made by the Insured Retirement Institute, "only 55% of baby boomers have a retirement account and 28% of that have less than 100K in savings". Which means a lot of seniors will have limited resources and will be relying on SSI and other government assistance such as food stamps, Medicare or Medicaid. It's a well known fact that the State of Hawaii has limited hospitals, nursing homes and long term facilities to handle not just the aging population but the amount of patients that require rehab or skilled nursing care in varying age groups. To bridge this gap, the care home industry was instituted. And the care home industry did its job. It provided thousands of Medicaid beds that would have otherwise been unavailable. It provided a secured, home-like atmosphere to its residents instead of the institutionalized, cookie cutter, big box facility. It provided peace of mind and respite to the family members who still needed to work full time or care for their growing family. And most of all it saved the state millions of dollars in health care cost utilization. So, it is safe to say that care homes are an integral and important part of Hawaii's health care system. But if you ask the care home operators such as myself, we don't feel integral nor important. Instead, we feel devalued, ignored and taken advantage of. But why is that? Let me explain.

I left a \$50 dollar per hour job in corporate nursing because it was just exactly that for me... a job. It was no longer my passion and it no longer gives me fulfillment. As a nurse in a for profit environment, health care is no longer about health, wellness or the patient. It is ultimately to protect the bottom line. As a nurse I spend more time charting and doing ancillary work than actual nursing. I was disillusioned and my idealism shattered. But I still want to be a nurse and I want to make a difference, one patient at a time. So I started my own care home 5 years ago. Since I have a background in ER, ICU and Dialysis, I took on the more complex patients, the ones that nobody wants. The ones that would otherwise be occupying a \$4k a day room in the hospital. And for this complex patients I became the PT/OT/ST, chaplain, psychologist,

chauffeur, janitor, butler, cook, 24 hr laundromat... but above all that, I also became the daughter, the cousin, the sister from another mother, the guardian angel, the healthcare hero, the healer, and sometimes, the only family they got. Was it worth leaving a \$50/ hr job for a \$4/hr pay? Sometimes yes, because I feel I am truly making a difference in my patient's life. I have my passion back, my calling answered. But, unless you forget, healthcare heroes need to eat too. Angels are prone to recession and cost of living increase. Healers have bills and mortgages to pay. For 14 years, the pay rate in Hawaii has not increased but do you know what increased? The acuity and complexity of the patients we take care of. We are not just taking care of the kupunas that are aging gracefully and happily, playing bingo and watching their soap operas. We are taking care of the kupunas with comorbidities like diabetes, hypertension, stroke, dialysis. We are also taking care of kupunas that have behavioral problems like Alzheimer's, dementia and some of them could be violent. Not to mention a rising trend of the "younger kupunas" who because of lifestyle choices such as drugs, alcohol and homelessness are now requiring 24 hr medical care in their 50's or 60's. So yes, we feel undervalued because all around us the value of everything has increased and yet the reimbursement for the value of our work has not. It remained stagnant.

And why do we feel taken advantage of you asked? Let me explain, when people tell me that owning a care home means you make a lot of money, I ask them, what money? Or when people say that we (care home operators) are only in it for the money. Again, I ask what money? You must be mistaken my business for a nursing facility who gets paid thousands of dollars more for Medicaid clients. Or a facility who only accepts private pay patients. I'm not one of those. But that makes me question the State's rule of reimbursement. Why do nursing homes get reimbursed at a much higher rate? The patient demographics are the same. The same point system for Level 1 or 2 or 3 is the same. The standard of care is the same, if not better in a care home than a nursing facility. Some might argue that nursing homes have more expenditures? Well, we have expenditures too but our care home absorbs those expenses because the State is not willing to reimburse us for it. Some would say Nursing homes have more overhead and staffing cost? Well, can I hire more substitute caregivers or hire a cleaning person to clean my rooms after discharge? Will I get reimbursed more? In 2017, the Kupuna Caregivers Act allocated funding to provide a \$70/day allowance to family members with caregiving roles that they can use towards respite care. Me as a care home operator pays \$20/hr for a substitute caregiver if I need to run errands, go to a doctor's appointment or just to have a day off. Dear lawmakers, put yourselves in our shoes. Let's say you want to take a day off, but your employer tells you to find your own replacement and pay them out of pocket too.

How would you react? Would you think it's unfair? Or Lets say, you're the Department of Labor and I came to you and said, I would like to complain about my working conditions and my employer. I get paid way below the minimum wage, I don't get a day off, I work 24/7 with no overtime pay. I have to find and pay for my own replacement if I want a day off. I have no health insurance even though I work more than 40 hours a week. And to top it all off, I have not gotten a raise in 14 years. If this was a clerk or a factory worker or even a live-in nanny, as the Dept of Labor, would you have investigated this employer right away? Yes you would. But what if I tell you that the employer is the State of Hawaii Medicaid Division and the one complaining are the care home operators? Will it make a difference? Apparently in the state of Hawaii, less than standard working conditions are the norm for the thousands of care home operators and their substitutes. And It has gone on unchallenged for several years. Tell me why we shouldn't feel taken advantage of?

Lastly, why do we feel ignored? I'm glad you asked. Have you ever heard of the phrase, caregiving is not easy? Well, it's true, it is not easy. But you know what makes caregiving a lot harder? Being penalized for giving excellent care. Let me explain. I took on a patient years ago. He was homeless, had a history of drug use, belligerent, argumentative, non compliant and he was only 60 yrs old. He had a spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed and doctors said he will never walk again. He needs 24 hr care. For almost a year, he stayed in the hospital because no care home wanted him. Imagine how much this cost the State, upwards of 6 figures at the very least. When I met him I was compelled for some reason to accept him. My instincts told me so. Long story short , on top of his traditional medical plan of care we integrated complementary alternative, holistic care. In 2 years, he went from paralyzed to walking with assistance. He also went from incontinent to continent. He went from belligerent and hopeless to grateful and full of life. I saved the State thousands of dollars. If he stayed paralyzed and bedridden, he could have developed bed sores, UTI, pneumonia etc which will increase the cost of care due to doctor's visits, hospital stay, medications, supplies and equipment. Just imagine how much the State saved on diapers alone when he regained continence. So what was my reward for giving such outstanding care? A reduction in pay! Since the patient has improved in my care, he is no longer at level 2 rate, he is now level 1 therefore rate decreases. How backwards is that? Imagine for a moment, dear lawmakers and again put yourselves in our shoes. You folks did your job, you passed a bill that helped and transformed the lives of your constituents, but then President Biden said, "Wow, job well done. Now that you have solved a problem, let's cut your wages in half". I am pretty sure that some of you would have quit that same day. So why then would you punish us for good, quality care instead of incentivizing us for improving the health and outcome

of our patients, while helping the State cut on the cost of acute care and pharmaceuticals? A healthy patient is a cheap patient, let us not forget. So for how long should we be ignored for the good contribution that we bring to the State of Hawaii? Not for long we hope.

In closing, I am but one caregiver that shared my story, but my story is neither unique nor one of a kind. Across the state, other caregivers share the same stories, the same experience, the same passion, the same burdens. What you see in front of you is just one caregiver, but imagine for a moment that behind me stands thousands of caregivers in Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Big Island, urging you, pleading, begging all of you not to ignore us anymore. We caregivers as a collective voice challenge the State of Hawaii to recognize and appropriately compensate and reward the hard work, dedication and sacrifices of the truly, indispensable healthcare heroes of Hawaii. Make a difference in our lives, the same way we make a difference in the lives of our patients. Someday, one day, we will be taking care of you and your loved ones.

Respectfully Yours,

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HB-1309

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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:

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Our care home is a Type I ARCH, we gets paid thru SSI/Medquest for Room & Board (\$1,515.90/mo. effective January 2023) and, although, we also provide some levels of burden of care, we don't even get paid for burden of care cost. Just like any other business, we also incur expenses, such as: DOH annual fees, GE taxes, mortgage, utilities, professional liability insurance premiums, automobile & car insurance, gas, continuing education, substituting, business licence renewal, fire inspections, office & cleaning supplies, house cleaning, dues, laundry & toilet supplies (there are actually patients who are using toilet every 15 minutes). And worst of all, inflation in costs to provide care for and feed our clients/patients has skyrocketed that our pay is no longer sufficient.

So I humbly ask that you consider giving us a fair and respectable raise. Caregiving isn't easy--especially when a patient has a lot of medical situations and behaviour issues. We were told in the past that we choose to do this job; therefore, we should accept whatever pay thereis! I think this is so disrespectful to Caregivers--who are caring for the most vulnerable population. Caregiving goes beyond a regular job, and as a caregiver, myself, I am proud to be able to work a job that makes a difference in peoples lives. Without the compassionate Caregivers, our patients don't have anyone to love and care for them and that's something you can't put a price tag on that.

In Hawaii, there's a big hype about caring for the Kupunas/Homeless/Disabled and it makes me proud to be a part of Hawaiian community because, I thought, we have so much Aloha! There are so many advocating for these people--as it should be; however, how compassionate can we be, as a community, if we can't even afford to be fair to Caregivers--who are tirelessly working hard caring for these people. No one is advocating for Caregivers' best interest; Instead, we have to come to the State Capitol to ask for a minimal raise which we so deserve! I'm sure, there must be a better way for us to get proper compensation because, frankly, this is hard. We are caregivers; we should be spending time caring for our patients!

Again, I ask for your kind support--give us what's fair--what's proper pay because it is the right thing to do. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

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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.

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Date: February 08, 2023

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Honolulu, HI

Date: February 08, 2023

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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Your kind support/vote for the aforementioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

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Name: OFELIA C. SIMPLICIANO

Address: 94-106 KAUPOHUA

WAIPIAHU, HLT 96714

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Name:

ANGELITA A. SORIANO

Address:

94-346 Heneke St
Waipahu, HI 96797

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Re: Support for Bills: HB 1388, HB 1402, HB 1387, HB 1404, HB 1384, HB 1401, HB 1403, HB 1382, HB 1383

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Sincerely yours,

David Weiss (Name)

P.O. Box 6977, Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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Sincerely yours,

James E. Baker (Name)
69 Mehu St., Hilo 96720 (Address)

Date 2/7/23

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Victoria Baker (Name)

69 Melani St., Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)

Date 02/7/23

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Sincerely yours,

Wayne Yamashita (Name)

5147 Keiki Lane Cr. Honolulu 96821 (Address)

Date 2/7/23

Re: Support for SBills: HB 1368, HB 1488, HB 1367, HB 1488, HB 1358, HB 1491, HB 1488, HB 1368, HB 1368

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Sincerely yours,

Bessie Siundo (Name)

117 Melani St. Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for (Bill) HB1309, HB1309A, HB1307, HB1308, HB1309, HB1310, HB1311, HB1312, HB1313, HB1314

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Sincerely yours,

Edie Yamashita (Name)

P.O. Box 390642, Keahou 96739 (Address)

Date 2/7/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1300, HB1480, HB1367, HB1480, HB1388, HB1491, HB1485, HB1388, HB 1300

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Mari Pederson (Name)

13 Kaapuni Pl. Hahaione HI 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for HB 1300, HB 1400, HB 1307, HB 1400, HB 1300, HB 1401, HB 1400, HB 1300, HB 1300

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13 Kooiuni Pl. Hib, HI 96720
(Address)

Date 2/7/23

Re: ~~Business for Hawaii Health Care Workers, 1990-1991, 1992-1993, 1994-1995, 1996-1997, 1998-1999, 2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2018-2019, 2020-2021, 2022-2023~~

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Arcenio Lopez

920 Pukui St, Honolulu, HI 96813

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Dear Rep. Sen. Della S. Bortolotti - chair, James Takekouchi Vice Chair
F. Amato G. Iijima B. Kobayashi J. Mizuno S. Nishimoto D. Garcia

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.

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

Please show your support and vote for the above mentioned bills.

Sincerely yours,

Marilyn Shindo (Name)

117 Melani St, Hale Koa 96720

Date Feb. 8, 2023

Re: Support for (Hawaii) HB1302, HB1303/HB1307, HB1420/HB1356, HB1491, HB1499/HB1158, HB 1309

Dear Rep./Sen. Della Ai Poloffi - chair Jenna Takeouchi Vice Chair
T. Amato & Dagon B. Kobayashi J. Mizuno S. Nishimoto D. Garcia

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Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills.

Sincerely yours,

Ernesto Tedes (Name)

15-2716 Hanalei St, Honolulu, HI 96776 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for DHH (e) HB 1309, HB 1322, HB 1367, HB 1400, HB 1366, HB 1401, HB 1400, HB 1350, HB 1308

Dear Rep./Sen. Della Ai Beotti - chair Jenni Takanouchi Vice Chair
T. Amato G. Iliquis B. Kobayashi J. Mizuno S. Nishimoto D. Garcia

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Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills.

Sincerely yours,

Theresa Lopez (Name)

920 Kalia Rd. #107 (Address)

Date 2/15/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1358, HB1491, HB1488/HB1359, HB 1308

Dear Rep./Sen. Della Au Belatti - chair Jenna Takeuchi Vice Chair
T. Amato G. Ilogan 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.

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Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Stando



(Name)

Hilo, Hawaii

1562 Lanikai Pl.

(Address)

Date 02/08/2023

Re: Support for Senate Bill 1300, HB1400, HB1397, HB1398, HB1399, HB1401, HB1400/HB1397, HB1399

Dear Rep. Sen. Della Abu-Belaffi, Chair, Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
and Committee Members

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.

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Please show your support and vote for the above-mentioned bills.

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN C. PACRIS SR.
124 W. KIMAI PLANE
HILLO, HI. 96700

Date 2/6/23

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

Dear Chair Della Au-Belatti, Vice-Chair Jenna Takenouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Diamond Garcia:

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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—including substitute/volunteer caregivers—even disabled family member—who's in a wheel chair is required to do so.

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

Your kind support/vote for the aforementioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: Royalene Awa
Address: 41-266 Hui Ina St. #D
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Date: February 08, 2023

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

Dear Chair Delia Au-Belatti, Vice-Chair Jenna Takenouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Hagan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Diamond Garcia:

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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-- including substitute/volunteer caregivers—even disabled family member—who's in a wheel chair is required to do so.

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

Your kind support/vote for the above-mentioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: Shirley Ann

Address: 1457 Ala Hahaione St
Honolulu, HI 96818

Date: February 08, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1329, HB 1337, HB1342, HB 1355, HB 1391, HB1488, HB1358, HB 1308

Dear Kay ~~and~~ Della AcBelatti, Chair and Rep. Jenna Takemuchi, Vice Chair

Hello - I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care providers for the State of Hawaii. We care for the impoverished and the medically fragile residents 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 for care for and medical benefits for patients has skyrocketed but we have received no significant increases in payments from the state in a decade of the last 15 years.

We licensed caregivers also are harassed with our regulation in the form of unannounced inspections of our homes and your impounding of all our family household members.

The State has also eliminated benefits to patients from operators like respite care time and continuing education training.

Please show your support and vote for the above bills.

Sincerely yours

Loisella [unclear]

10-2088 Emerald Dr, Honolulu
Pahoa HI 96776

Date 02 8 23



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

Dear Chair Della Au-Belatti, Vice-Chair Irena Takenouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Ilogan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Diamond Garcia:

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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—including substitute/volunteer caregivers—even disabled family member—who's in a wheel chair is required to do so.

The State has also eliminated being able to license home operators like respite care time and continuing education/training.

Your kind support/vote for the aforementioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: Ray G. [Signature]

Address: 744 K 22nd Street
Honolulu, HI 96815

Date: February 08, 2011

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILLS) NO. 1491, 1498/NO. 1357, 1420/HB1356,
HB1491, HD 1408/NO. 1358 & HD 1303

TO: HEALTH & HOSPITALS (HHC) COMMITTEE

Dear Chair Della Au-Beisler, Vice-Chair Jenae Takenouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Hagan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Diamond Garcia:

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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—including substance volunteer caregivers—even disabled family member—who's in a wheel chair is required to do so.

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

Your kind support/vote for the aforementioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: Rosalinda Brown
Address: 440 Alameda St
Hon. HI 96813

Date: February 08, 2023

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HD 1400, HD 1401, HD 1402, HD 1403, HD 1404, HD 1405, HD 1406, HD 1407, HD 1408, HD 1409, HD 1410, HD 1411, HD 1412, HD 1413, HD 1414, HD 1415, HD 1416, HD 1417, HD 1418, HD 1419, HD 1420, HD 1421, HD 1422, HD 1423, HD 1424, HD 1425, HD 1426, HD 1427, HD 1428, HD 1429, HD 1430, HD 1431, HD 1432, HD 1433, HD 1434, HD 1435, HD 1436, HD 1437, HD 1438, HD 1439, HD 1440, HD 1441, HD 1442, HD 1443, HD 1444, HD 1445, HD 1446, HD 1447, HD 1448, HD 1449, HD 1450, HD 1451, HD 1452, HD 1453, HD 1454, HD 1455, HD 1456, HD 1457, HD 1458, HD 1459, HD 1460, HD 1461, HD 1462, HD 1463, HD 1464, HD 1465, HD 1466, HD 1467, HD 1468, HD 1469, HD 1470, HD 1471, HD 1472, HD 1473, HD 1474, HD 1475, HD 1476, HD 1477, HD 1478, HD 1479, HD 1480, HD 1481, HD 1482, HD 1483, HD 1484, HD 1485, HD 1486, HD 1487, HD 1488, HD 1489, HD 1490, HD 1491, HD 1492, HD 1493, HD 1494, HD 1495, HD 1496, HD 1497, HD 1498, HD 1499, HD 1500, HD 1501, HD 1502, HD 1503, HD 1504, HD 1505, HD 1506, HD 1507, HD 1508, HD 1509, HD 1510, HD 1511, HD 1512, HD 1513, HD 1514, HD 1515, HD 1516, HD 1517, HD 1518, HD 1519, HD 1520, HD 1521, HD 1522, HD 1523, HD 1524, HD 1525, HD 1526, HD 1527, HD 1528, HD 1529, HD 1530, HD 1531, HD 1532, HD 1533, HD 1534, HD 1535, HD 1536, HD 1537, HD 1538, HD 1539, HD 1540, HD 1541, HD 1542, HD 1543, HD 1544, HD 1545, HD 1546, HD 1547, HD 1548, HD 1549, HD 1550, HD 1551, HD 1552, HD 1553, HD 1554, HD 1555, HD 1556, HD 1557, HD 1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1358 & HD 1508

TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) COMMITTEE

Dear Chair Della Au-Belatti, Vice-Chair Jonna Tatenouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Diamond Nishida.

Hello:

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care professionals 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, 27/7, 365 days/year supervision, and in some cases, medical care where we provide transportations and also provide daily medicine monitoring.

Inflation in costs to provide and care for and feed our clients/patients has skyrocketed but we have received NO significant increases 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 every fingerprinting of all our family household members—including substitute/volunteer caregivers—even disabled family member—who's in a wheel chair is required to do so.

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

Your kind support/vote for the aforementioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: DELIA D. CARROLL

Address: 94-1121 WAHIALEA
WAIKANA, HI 96798

Date: February 08, 2023

Re: Support for Hilo HB 1200 HB 1201 HB 1202 HB 1203 HB 1204 HB 1205 HB 1206 HB 1207 HB 1208 HB 1209 HB 1210 HB 1211 HB 1212 HB 1213 HB 1214 HB 1215 HB 1216 HB 1217 HB 1218 HB 1219 HB 1220 HB 1221 HB 1222 HB 1223 HB 1224 HB 1225 HB 1226 HB 1227 HB 1228 HB 1229 HB 1230 HB 1231 HB 1232 HB 1233 HB 1234 HB 1235 HB 1236 HB 1237 HB 1238 HB 1239 HB 1240 HB 1241 HB 1242 HB 1243 HB 1244 HB 1245 HB 1246 HB 1247 HB 1248 HB 1249 HB 1250 HB 1251 HB 1252 HB 1253 HB 1254 HB 1255 HB 1256 HB 1257 HB 1258 HB 1259 HB 1260 HB 1261 HB 1262 HB 1263 HB 1264 HB 1265 HB 1266 HB 1267 HB 1268 HB 1269 HB 1270 HB 1271 HB 1272 HB 1273 HB 1274 HB 1275 HB 1276 HB 1277 HB 1278 HB 1279 HB 1280 HB 1281 HB 1282 HB 1283 HB 1284 HB 1285 HB 1286 HB 1287 HB 1288 HB 1289 HB 1290 HB 1291 HB 1292 HB 1293 HB 1294 HB 1295 HB 1296 HB 1297 HB 1298 HB 1299 HB 1300

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Inflation in costs to care for our clients has skyrocketed but we have received no significant increase in payments for our services in fourteen of the last 18 years.

We license our caregivers and are licensed with our registration 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 our home health operators like respite care time and continuing education/training.

Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills.

Sincerely yours,

IMELDA J. POSEY
124 W. KIMM PLACE
HILO, HI 96720 (808) 935-1111

Date 2/7/08

Re: Support for Hilo's Home Care Community, HB1401, HB1402/MC1353, HB1403, HB1404/MC1354, HB1405

Dear Rep. Sen. Della A. Rubaloff Chair, Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
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We licensed caregivers also are concerned 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 incentives to increase home operators' live respite care time and continuing education/training.

Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills.

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN C. PAERIS
124 W. KINAI PLAKA
HILO HI 96720

Date 2/7/23

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

Dear Chair Della Au-Belatti, Vice-Chair Jenna Takenouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Diamond Garcia:

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Your kind support/vote for the aforementioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: Royalene Awia
Address: 47-266 Hui Iwa St. #D
Kaneohe HI 96744

Date: February 08, 2023

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HB 1300, HB 1489/HB 1357, HB 1490/HB1356,
HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1306 & HB 1303

TO: HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS (HUT) COMMITTEE

Dear Chair Della Au-Belatti, Vice-Chair Jenna Takenouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Hagan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Dianna Garcia,

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

Your kind support/vote on the aforementioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: Cherise Garcia

Address: 1437 Ala Sili Dr

Honolulu, HI 96813

Date: February 04, 2016

Re: Support for House Bills HB1309, HB1310, HB1351, SB1301, HB1350, HB1391, HB1408, HB1398, SB 1308

Dear Kay ~~to~~ Della AiBelotti, Chair and Rep. Jenna Takensuchi: Vice
Chair

Helo: I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care providers for the State of Hawaii. We care for the impoverished and the medically frail patients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, and provide transportation, and in some cases, medical care.

Inflation has made it more difficult for us to obtain the supplies we need but we have received no significant increase in payment from the state in the last 15 years.

We consent to inspections and can tolerate strict regulation in the form of unannounced inspections of our homes and family hospitals for our family household members.

The State has also eliminated benefits for the home operators like respite care fees and continuing education training.

Please show your support by signing the attached letter.

Sincerely yours

Loirella [Signature]

10-2088 Emerald DE [Signature]
Pahoa HI 96776

Date 10/5/23



RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HB 1309, HB 1329/HB 1357, HB 1490/HB1356,
HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1378 & HB 1308

TO: HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS (HHS) COMMITTEE

Dear Chair Della Au-Belaitt, Vice-Chair Jenna Takenouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Hagan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimura and Rep. District Senator

Hello:

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Inflation in costs to provide and 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 bothered with over-regulation in the form of unannounced inspections of our homes and yearly fingerprinting of all our family household members—including children/volunteer caregivers—even disabled family member—who's in a wheelchair is required to do so.

The State has also eliminated benefits for licensed home operators like respite care time and continuing education funding.

Your kind support/vote on the attached bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: Angela B. Brown

Address: 744 K. Street, Honolulu, HI

Date: February 08, 2022

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILLS HR 1308, HR 1317, HR 1357, HR 1490/HB1356,
HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1489 & HR 1378

TO: HEALING & HOMELIFE CARES (HHC) - LETTER

Dear Chair Della Au-Beland, Vice-Chair James Takemouchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Hagan, Rep. Bernard Akroya, Jr., Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Dionne S. Parker:

Hello:

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care providers 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, 27/7, 365 days/year supervision, and in some cases, medical care where we provide transportations and also provide daily in-home monitoring.

Inflation in costs by providers of care for and feed our clients/patients has skyrocketed but we have not seen a significant increase in payments from the State in fact more of the last 3 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—including relatives/volunteer caregivers—even disabled family member—who's in a wheel chair is required to do so.

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

Your kind support/votes for the above mentioned bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name:

Rosalinda Thomas

Address:

3445 Alani Street

Hon. HI 96813

Date: February 08, 2021

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HB 1356, HB 1357, HB 1358, HB 1359, HB 1360, HB 1361, HB 1362, HB 1363, HB 1364, HB 1365, HB 1366, HB 1367, HB 1368, HB 1369, HB 1370, HB 1371, HB 1372, HB 1373, HB 1374, HB 1375, HB 1376, HB 1377, HB 1378, HB 1379, HB 1380, HB 1381, HB 1382, HB 1383, HB 1384, HB 1385, HB 1386, HB 1387, HB 1388, HB 1389, HB 1390, HB 1391, HB 1392, HB 1393, HB 1394, HB 1395, HB 1396, HB 1397, HB 1398, HB 1399, HB 1400/HB1356, HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1356, HB 1398

TO: HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS RELIEF FUND (HHRF)

Dear Chair Della Au-Belatto, Vice-Chair Anne Sakemuchi, Rep. Terez Amato, Rep. Greggor Hagan, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto and Rep. Yamamoto (aka):

Hello:

I am writing to you to ask for your support of the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care workers in the State of Hawaii. We care for the impoverished and the Medicaid benefit recipients—who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for food housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, 27/7, 365 days/year supervision, and in some cases medical care where we provide transportations and also provide early medicine monitoring.

Inflation in costs to provide 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, at work are burdened with over-regulation in the form of unannounced inspections of our homes, mandatory fingerprinting of all our family household members—including voluntary volunteer caregivers—even disabled family member—who's in a wheel chair is required to do so.

The State has also attempted to reduce the paid home operators like respite care time and eliminating salaries for staff.

Your kind support/vote for the House bills and bills would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Name: DELIA D. CALDERON

Address: 91121 WAIKANAHI

WAIKANAHI

Date: February 08, 2023

HB-1309

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:58:15 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wilfred Ashley chang	ILWU International	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Wilfred Chang ILWU Intenational Representative Hawaii. I stand in strong support of HB1309. Our home care providers are struggling to provide critical care. HB 1309 will alleviate the rising cost of food, utilites and transportation. This is an opportune time to address our home care providers request for help. Thank you for your time and consideration with regards to HB1309.

Respectfully,

Wilfred A Chang Jr.

ILWU International Representative Hawaii

HB-1309

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:50:43 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mathew Yamamoto	ILWU	Support	In Person

Comments:

Honorable Chair Belatti,

Honorable Vice Chair Takenouchi,

Committee members,

Aloha! Please support this bill to help licensed home operators survive financially. These licensed home operators provide important services to our community as they care for, house, and supervise medicaid beneficiary individuals who would other wise probably be homeless. Licensed home operators have not received a significant increase in payment to care for medicaid beneficiaries in the last 14 out of 15 years.

Licensed home operators are also a much cheaper alternative to caring for medicaid beneficiaries in hospitals and institutional nursing homes. Putting funds into this segment of public funded health care will actually save money and help more people.

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

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:40:29 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 Belatti, Vice Chair Terez Amato, Vice Chair Jenna Tokenouchi and committee members.

I am writing to ask for your support for CCFFH's and licensed care 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 their housing, meals, snacks, daily needs, transportation, in some cases medical care and 24 hour supervision and much more. Our clients become part of our "Ohana".

Inflation in costs to care for and feed our clients has skyrocketed, but we have not received a significant increase in payments from the state of Hawaii in fourteen of the last 15 years.

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

The State has also eliminated benefits to licensed home operators like respite care time and continuing education/training. ***I Strongly Support HB1309.*** Please show your support of this bill by voting for its passage.

Mahalo,

Jonathan Hanks

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:08:40 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 and Della Au-Belatti

Members of the Committee

Legislature 2023

I am in support of HB1309 relating to room and board increase for medicaid recipient clients.

My name is Juanita A. Ulep, license for Type 1 ARCH and I have been a caregiver for thirty eight (38) years.

I am in support for HB1309 for the following reasons;

1. For the past fourteen (14) years, we never had an increase
2. Within the fourteen (14) years, cost of living has increased
3. Cost and expenses of living for one person monthly are as follows;

Room \$700.00
Food \$550.00
Utilities \$100.00
GE Tax \$68.21
Toiletries \$15.00
Misc. \$35.00

Total \$1468.21

4. From our payment of \$1515.90 - \$1468.21 = \$46.69

What is left for us is nothing as for the burden of care, we work for our residents, care for special diets, care for incontinent patients. Some of us also have dialysis patients. We give extra time, attention, and TLC to our psychiatric residents when they get agitated to avoid hospitalization.

So please support us to pass this bill to survive.

Thank You

JUANITA A. ULEP

Local 1000 ILWU

Trustee

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 6:50:01 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adela Salacup	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Hello, my name is Adela Salacup, and I have been a licensed Community Care Family Foster Home operator for twenty-six years. I am writing to ask for your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. In addition, I am asking you for your help with appropriate funds in room and board payments for homes that care for eligible Medicaid clients. Many of us foster home operators are renting our place of business to care for these clients, and as years go on, rent increases. But, room and board for clients do not, and it needs to be increased to suffice for the rental of the space, utilities that include electric, water, internet service, phone and cable, and meals to provide safe and quality care. Food prices have increased. I recently went to Costco, and five dozen eggs have raised to \$15.49, and five dozen eggs for clients last for less than a month in my foster home. As caregivers, we must reach into our personal pockets to keep our business. Please show your support for this bill. Thank You.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 5:24:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryll Apuya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is in reference of HB 1309. I am writing to ask your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care workers in the Department of Health, State of Hawaii . We care for for the impoverished and the medicaid benefit residents who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housin, meals and snacks, daily needs, supervision, and in some cases, medical care.

Inflation in costs to care for and feed our clients/residents has skyrocketed, however we have received no significant increase in payments for the last 15 years.

I am asking your good office to please support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:53:09 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good morning, I am supporting this HB1491 due to the high cost of living. Medicaid providers under the HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SETTING needs an increase of reimbursement of \$722.00 monthly.

Thank you for allowing me to send my testimonies.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:18:29 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.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2023 9:02:05 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 the bill to pass for appropriate funds/increase in room and board payments for medicaid eligible clients. We as caregivers work so hard taking care of our kupunas and would like to be compensated higher with all the services that we do. Cost of living is so high in Hawaii. We are asking for more incentive higher amount so younger people in the community who would like to open a business of carehome is encouraged to open their homes to take care of our kupunas. We need more carehomes in the state of Hawaii to open. As for my observation and listening to what people say, homes that are already licensed, some are discouraged to admit new clients and rather go to work at a different job due to the amount of reimbursement or payments are not high enough to remain in business as carehome operators.

TESTIMONY FOR HB 1309

Good morning Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi, Rep. Amato, Rep. Ilagan, Rep. Kobayashi, Rep. Mizuno, Rep. Nishimoto and Rep. Garcia.

My name is Delia Cabingabang, 71 years old, ILWU Local 1000 Trustee, and a licensed care home administrator for ~~40~~ 39 years now.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1309

My care home residents have had chromosomal deficiencies, blind, and Schizophrenia. They have been with me for the past 39 years. I admitted them when they were teenagers, 2 of them were abandoned, and some have their own family but can not take care of them because they also had to work for their own growing family.

Ever Since they came to my care home, I have served them like a mother: cook and feed them three times a day, administer their medications as ordered by their own physicians, assist them in their activities of daily living, housekeeping and all day monitoring.

It is a big responsibility to work as a caregiver. I also want to retire. I am looking for someone who has the right attitude to take over my facility or my patients. This job does not attract the younger generations due to the long hours the job requires, and the pay is not enticing, \$50.50 per patient per day, \$1515.50 per month.

This is a challenge for all of us. The future of the care home industry is diminishing, considering the high numbers of the elderly population, plus the incoming baby boomers, as well as the existing clients in our facilities.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Mrs Delia Cabingabang
Care Home Administrator
ILWU Local 1000 Trustee

TESTIMONY FOR HB 1309

Good morning Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi, Rep. Amato, ~~Rep. Hagan~~, Rep. Kobayashi, ~~Rep. Mizuno~~, ~~Rep. Nishimoto~~ and ~~Rep. Garcia~~.

My name is Jesusa Quinabo, ILWU Local 1000 President, and a licensed care home administrator for 29 years now.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1309

The inflation cost to maintain a care home facility is very difficult. Aside from the rising prices for grocery shopping, gasoline, electric, water, and for activities of daily living maintenance, staffing usage costs are soaring at \$25- \$35/hr per patient.

My patients are Medicaid recipients, I receive \$50/day per patient, \$1515.50 per month. I would like to kindly ask you to consider the merit of increasing the monthly rate for room and board to keep us afloat.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Mrs. Jesusa Quinabo
Care Home Administrator
ILWU Local 1000 President
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TESTIMONY FOR HB 1309

Good morning Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi, Rep. Amato, Rep. Ilagan, Rep. Kobayashi, Rep. Mizuno, Rep. Nishimoto and Rep. Garcia.

My name is Levy Vargas, 80 years old, ILWU Local 1000 Trustee, and a licensed care home administrator for 40 years now.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1309

My care home residents have been with me for the past 39 years. I admitted them when they were very young, when their family could not take care of them in their own home because they also had to work for their own growing family.

Ever Since they came to my care home, I was what they called "mom", who worked and served them like a mother: cook and feed them three times a day, administer their medications as ordered by their own physicians, assist them in their activities of daily living, housekeeping and all day monitoring.

It is hard work every single day. No day off, and it is a challenge to find a trusted substitute caregiver. All clients are medicaid recipients. I get paid \$50.50 per day, \$1515.50 per month per client.

You all may say to me that it is time to retire. Yes, I want to. But as I look back of my 40 years in the business, I would like to somehow experience and know the feeling to receive a pay raise after 14 years. I want also to prove to the younger generations that the Lawmakers of the State did not forsake me as a caregiver. And that is the legacy I want to leave behind.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Mrs. Levy Vargas
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