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March 18, 2024

The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Buenaventura and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB2216 HD2 RELATING TO CARE HOMES

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports HB2216 HD2**, which increases the cap on state supplemental payments for type I adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, certified adult foster homes, and type II adult residential care homes.

This measure aligns with the Council's mission to advocate for policies that enhance the quality of life and support services for individuals with developmental disabilities across our state. By raising the cap on state supplemental payments, HB2216 HD2 addresses a critical need within our community. Many individuals with developmental disabilities rely on these care homes for essential support and services to meet their daily living needs. However, the current cap on state supplemental payments often falls short of covering the actual costs incurred by these care providers, leading to financial strain and potential disruptions in care delivery.

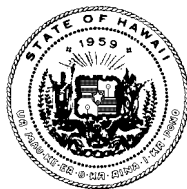
Increasing the cap on state supplemental payments will help ensure that care homes can continue to provide high-quality services to individuals with developmental disabilities without facing undue financial burdens. This measure not only supports the sustainability of care homes but also promotes the well-being and stability of the individuals they serve. Access to adequate funding is crucial for maintaining a robust care infrastructure that meets the diverse and evolving needs of our population of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB2216 HD2**.

Sincerely,

Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



CATHY BETTS
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March 17, 2024

TO: The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2216 HD2 – RELATING TO CARE HOMES.**

Hearing: March 18, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 & Videoconferencing, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure so long as the current program appropriation is not reduced in HB1800 HD1 and respectfully requests amendments to effectuate the proposed increases.

PURPOSE: This measure increases the cap on state supplemental payments for type I adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster homes, certified adult foster homes, and type II adult residential care homes. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

The Committee on Human Services (HD1) amended the measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

The Committee on Finance (HD2) amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing the caps on state supplemental payments for the various care facilities to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

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DHS supports the proposed increase of the state supplemental payments (SSP) care rate by \$132.10 to \$784.00 for type I and \$892.00 for type II settings. So long as the current program budget appropriation is not reduced in HB 1800 HD1, increasing the monthly SSP rates by these amounts will not require additional general fund appropriation.

The Department respectfully requests additional amendments to insert October 1, 2024, on page 1, line 11, and page 2, line 3, and an effective date of the bill no later than June 2, 2024. The Social Security Administration advised that it could implement the new rates with 120-day notice prior to the effective month. June 3, 2024, is 120 days prior to October 1, 2024.

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



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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March 18, 2024

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

House Bill 2216 HD2 – Relating to Care Homes

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of House Bill 2216 HD2 – Relating to Care Homes.

This bill amends the state supplemental payment ceiling for type I adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, certified adult foster homes, and type II adult residential care homes.

The state supplemental payment helps to ensure there are an adequate number of facilities to meet our population's needs. DCAB notes the amount has not been adjusted in 16 years, which suggests that an increase is warranted.

Thank you for considering our position.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirby L. Shaw".

KIRBY L. SHAW
Executive Director



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The State Legislature
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Monday, March 18, 2024
Conference Room 225, 1:00 p.m.

TO: The Honorable Joy San Buenaventura, Chair
FROM: Keali'i Lopez, State Director, AARP Hawai'i
RE: Support for H.B. 2216 HD1 Relating to Care Homes

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez, and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawaii. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families.

AARP supports H.B. 2216 HD1 which increases the cap on the state supplemental payments for type 1 adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary home, community care foster family and adult homes, and type II adult residential care home.

Hawaii's 1,600+ foster family and adult residential and domiciliary homes for our older and disabled adults are an integral part of our long term care system. These HCBS providers provide over 8,300 beds which are twice the number of the beds provided by the 46 licensed nursing home facilities in state. These HCBS residences are cost-effective, high quality and support people's preference to age in a home-like setting. Increasing the supplemental payment cap is long overdue. With the rising cost of living, these dedicated providers deserve this increase so that they can continue to care for Hawaii's aging population.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2216, HD1.

ADULT FOSTER HOMECARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

P.O. Box 970092, Waipahu, Hawai'i 96797

March 18, 2024

Maribel Tan
President

Testimony in Strong Support of HB2216 – HHS/WAM – 3/18/24, 1:00 p.m., Rm. 225

(Testifier to Appear via In-person)

Chair Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Henry Aquino, and Members of the Committees:

The Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii (AFHA) **strongly supports HB2216**, which increases the cap on state supplemental payments for type I adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes and type II adult residential care homes.

Community care foster family homes (CCFFHs), which supplies over 2,000 beds statewide to elderly and disabled Hawai'i residents, have very minimal increase for over 15 years. We've borne the brunt of inflation and other cost increases.

We applaud the state for commissioning the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rate Study Report by Milliman on December 2022. Finally, someone has validated what we have been saying for the last 15 years. For years, it's as if no one has taken us seriously, taking us for granted. Finally, someone is recognizing our plight as an industry.

Based on the Milliman Report, the Department of Human Services, Med-Quest Division (Med-Quest) concluded: "It is also important to focus on HCBS providers who serve groups with high utilization of services and who have gone the longest without a rate update such as case management agencies, **community care foster family homes**, and adult day health and day care centers."

Ironically, the recognition of our hardship comes from an outside consultant from out-of-state. Perhaps a broader national perspective accentuates how far behind CCFFHs lag behind and how we are undervalued. We emphatically join Med-Quest in their observation that it is time "to revise how providers of long-term care are reimbursed to better meet current and future needs." Now is the time!

We were already the lowest paid in the nation – below even the "low" end of the spectrum according to Milliman. Inflation, which spiraled out-of-control, has exacerbated the challenges. Our industry and profession is one in which the younger generation in our country have little interest. Rarely does a young person today have ambitions to become a CCFFH or other type of care home. We need to set a solid foundation for the future.

About AFHA

The Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA) is the industry trade association of providers under the Community Care Foster Family Home program under the Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii. With a membership of almost 1000 providers, AFHA's mission is to promote the interests of providers as well as resident clients. AFHA members provide 24-hour care to resident clients 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

With our aging population and as “patient preferences have shifted away from institutional settings to home- and community-based” settings, this is an issue that will potentially lead to a crisis in the future. We implore you to support this measure for the future of Hawaii.

Please SUPPORT HB 2216.


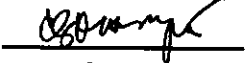



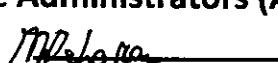
Very truly yours,

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Maribel Tan
President

TESTIMONY ON HB2216 IN SUPPORT

The Presidents of:

1.  Maribel B. Tan, President, Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii (AFHA of HI)
2.  Carina Ocampo, President, United Community healthcare of Hawaii (UCHH)
3.  Lemmy Maluyo, President, Community Homecare Association of Hawaii (CHCAH)
4.  Elma Tierra, President, Alliance of Professional Primary Care Administrators (APPCA)
5.  Wanette Gaylord, President, Association of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA)
6.  Medy De Lara, President, The Primary Care Providers of Hawaii (TPCP)

We submit testimony as a coalition in support to HB2216. We are the Presidents from Six Organizations representing nearly 90% of the community caregiver industry.

We support HB2216 which increases the cap on state supplemental payments for type I adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes and type II adult residential care homes.

The costs of living here in Hawaii have escalated over the years. It's just so difficult financially for caregivers to survive especially with the cost of housing, food and other commodities here in Hawaii.

We save the State of Hawaii significant amount of money for providing care to our Kupuna's and disabled. It's time for the State of Hawaii to think about us so that we can continue to take care of our vulnerable elderly and disabled.

For the reasons provided, we request that you pass HB2216.

TESTIMONY

HB2216

DEAR CHAIR, SAN BUENAVENTURA, VICE-CHAIR AQUINO AND ALL MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE:

First, I would like to thank you for this bill. I stand in support of this bill; however, I believe that the state could do much better by granting us, caregivers, a fair increase—enough so that we don't have to keep coming back every year to ask for an increase. As you're probably aware, we haven't had an increase for the last 15 years.

My mother opened our Type I Adult Residential Care Home (ARCH) over 50 years ago—where the entire family helped & support running the care home but over the years, a lot has changed—where family members either work full time to make a living or moved out of Hawaii—due to the rising cost of living. I took over our care home from mom when she retired over two years ago. Our care home is licensed through DOH to provide home for individuals-- who needs placement & care is now my full-time job and source of my income. From the current Room & Board pay of \$1,544.90 per client a month (5 clients maximum but it could be less), I don't have much income left for me after expenses--as the cost of living in Hawaii has gone up tremendously. In addition, I think it's inhumane that I can't even go on vacation because it would cost too much to hire a live-in substitute.

I don't have help from my family so; therefore, I need to hire help to substitute for me when I do errands-- to bring patients to their doctors' appointments--which always takes a lot of time, to do groceries, to go to my own personal appointments, etc. My care home pay doesn't allow me to hire a substitute caregiver because I am only getting paid from individuals (clients) who are NOT SUBSIDIZED through Medicaid. The current Room & Board (SSI/STATE SUPPLEMENT) is not feasible to keep our care home going while the cost of living continues to go up—year after year without a decent increase in our pay.

We provide 24/7, 365 days a year supervision to our clients; we're required to provide minimal supervision as our clients are Ambulatory—basically independent but not really because, sometimes, we deal with clients' w/behavior issues—especially when their medications aren't effectively helping. In this case, we would communicate with clients' doctors often to adjust/re-evaluate clients until the right medication works effectively. Sometimes, a client can be difficult as they require constant guidance and reminders. In most cases when we admit a Client, their Level of Care only includes two doctor appointments every 3 to 4 mos. But during initial client visit to the doctor, they suddenly have too many additional doctors' appointments.

Type I ARCH doesn't have the Burden of Care Cost. I ask this committee to help secure a higher Level of Care for our clients/individuals who are not currently receiving Medicaid benefits. In doing so, I think that it will help resolve the underpayment issue for Licensed Homes Room & Board pay. Once our clients are granted a higher LOC, they will be able to receive Medicaid benefits—thus paying us, Caregivers, a little more. As the cost of living in Hawaii today is ranging from \$1,900 to \$2,400 per individual, we ask this Committee to increase our Room & Board pay by increasing the State Supplement to \$1,057—instead of \$784 as stated in your bill.

Your kind consideration and approval of the Room & Board pay by increasing the State Supplement to \$1,057 would be greatly appreciated--as it will enhance the lives and businesses of Caregivers.

Respectfully yours,

Rosemarie S. Sebastian, Treasurer

ILWU – LOCAL 1000

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HB 2216, HD2 - RELATING TO CARE HOMES.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE

Monday, March 18, 2024 1:00 pm
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu Hi

Aloha Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair
and Committee Members,

My name is Arlene Hanks, I strongly Support HB2216 HD2.

Mahalo,
Arlene G. Hanks
ILWU Local 1000 Member

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2024 9:03:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leilani B Domingo	Testifying for AFHAH	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'll will support HB2216

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 10:34:51 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlene Joy B.Bragado	Testifying for Afha	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Charlene Joy Bragado, one of the primary caregiver that is operating a foster home here in Waipahu.I am strongly supporting the HB2216 relating to care home.The cost of living really went too high that is why I am hoping that the House of Representative will give consideration to approve our request,that will going to help te caregivers.

Thank you for understanding.

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2024 10:52:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arlene Agpalza	Testifying for AFHA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Attention:all Committees:l

I am Arlene Agpalza, caregiver for 16 years. I am in support of HB 2216. I cannot continue doing this business if you will not give us increase because inflation is high and the money we are receiving is not enough to support our families.

Sincerely,

Arlene Agpalza
Arlene Agpalza Adult Foster Home
Address:1740 Piikea Street Honolulu
Cell#8085541384

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2024 5:11:54 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeannie Abero	Testifying for AFHA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Jeannie Abero, caregiver for 20 years. I am in support of HB 2216. I cannot continue doing this business if you will not give us increase because inflation is high and the money we are receiving is not enough to support our families.

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:53:29 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
SONIA PAGDILAO	Testifying for AFHA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Sonia Pagdilao, Caregiver for 15 years. We humbly ask for your fair judgement and understanding for us Caregivers to please hear our plea of getting our pay increase. Its been awhile and as basic necessities continue to rise, we are having hard time to make ends meet. We need our pay increase so that we can provide a better care for our family and clients. Thank you very much.

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 2:25:13 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rowena Daligcon	Testifying for AFHA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support for the HB 2216. Begging to please passed and approved this House Bill.
Thank you.

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:04:25 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Domingo Ganitano	Testifying for AFHA Officers	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairman Lisa Marten and all committee,

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Susan D. Ganitano, a dedicated caregiver for the past seventeen (17) years and my role has evolved over the time I've worked. First and foremost the purpose of this testimony is I strongly believe that I am eligible for a hike of at least 20% in my salary that reflects my dedication and sheer hard work. I also strongly believe that I have met and responded to new challenges well and continue to add more value to the work. With HB2216, will always be supported by me. Considering the cost of living and inflation, it is right and just to increase our salary to provide me with an increment in my salary.

Yours truly,

Susan D. Ganitano

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 1:26:29 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carina Ocampo	Testifying for United Community Healthcare of Hawaii (UCHH)	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB2216 Increase in State Supplemental Payments

I'm in Strong Support for the Increase in the cap of Supplemental Payments for ARCH, DDs & CCFH.

Cost of Living in Hawaii is very expensive. All commodities went up during the pandemic and up to the present.

Thank you,

Carina Ocampo, President

United Community Healthcare of Hawaii

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 2:19:22 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marylo Farinas	Testifying for Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2216

RELATING TO CARE HOMES.

Increases the cap on state supplemental payments for type I adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, certified adult foster homes, and type II adult residential care homes. Thank you.

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:12:30 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thelma Ortal	Testifying for Ccfffh	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern.

I support the HB2216 to pass.

Thank you and may Our Lord continue to guide everyone who involve in decision making.

Respectfully and sincerely!

Thelma Ortal.

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2024 8:50:14 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Labrie	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I support this measure because it increases the payment to my care-givers. If we increase their pay it should make it easier for case managers to place individuals in homes. It should also help with burnout and turnover of care-givers.

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2024 9:13:35 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
claribel cabantog	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair and Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a caregiver for almost 17 years it's been so hard to keep our Foster Carehome open. There are times the client that we're getting is like for 2 people assist and our pay is not adequate for the work we do 24/7. Most of the caregivers struggle to pay rent, mortgage and pay bills (especially if they have kids that goes to college) My business is located at my home residence so I can take care of my parents, kids and work from home all at once. The cost of living here in Hawaii is too high and we cannot afford to pay substitute caregivers for the amount we get, \$44.16 per day. Can you please help us caregivers to get a raise for the work we provide for our Kupuna.

Mahalo for all your time and consideration for this matter.

Sincerely,

Claribel Cabantog - CCFFH PRIMARY Caregiver

(808-469-5607)

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2024 11:49:13 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marilou Mendoza	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB2216. All care givers need a raise due to the commitment we do 24/7. It is a hard task since it is our responsibility to take care of them and because of the pay it will not even be enough to pay our caregivers with our daily pay.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 18, 2024

TIME: 1:00 PM

Re HB2216 HD2 RELATING TO CARE HOMES

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Members of the Committee. My name is Linda Dorset, and I am in STRONG SUPPORT of HB2216 HD2, which increases the cap on the state supplemental payments for type 1 adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary home, community care foster family and adult homes, and type II adult residential care home. These facilities provide over 8,300 beds and are cost-effective, high quality and support people's preference to age in a home-like setting. Increasing the cap will help to keep up with the rising cost of living, so that they can continue to care for Hawaii's aging population

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!

**Linda Dorset
Wailuku, Maui**

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:05:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eliza Bonilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

<p>I am Eliza Bonilla caregiver for 23 years. I am in support of HB2216. I cannot continue doing this bussiness if you will not give us an increase because of inflation being at an all time high and the money we are recieving isn't enough to support our families. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:30:35 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zenaida Tierra	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am ZENAIDA TIERRA, 16 years in this caregiving industry. I support HB 2216. As caregivers we need an increase so as to continue to help the elderlies in our community. With the standard of living here in Hawaii, we are struggling to support our family. Thank you.

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 12:05:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
roma magnaye	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

To whom it may concern.

We (I) humbly ask that we are praying for your support and passing this HB2216 bill.

Passing this above said bill will help us in many ways, especially to our kupuna.

Please heard us and thank you!

sincerely and thank you,

ROMA M ROBLES

CAREUNIQUE LLC

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 1:16:59 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Milagros Ronidel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this HB 2216. Thank you.

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 1:58:44 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Estelita Batoon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this HB2216, thank you.

HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 2:01:36 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GEMMA SANTIAGO BAUTISTA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

I'm Gemma Bautista and I am supporting HB2216. Thank you

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 2:30:04 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janette nino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm janette Nino caregiver supporting HB2216 thank you.

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 2:31:17 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Delia Cabingabang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha committee

As a long time caregiver in Hawai'i, I am in strong support of this bill. I appreciate your consideration.

Delia Cabingabang

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 2:34:24 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elsie Grace Rasalan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 4:44:30 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justine G Manera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB2216.

I am a home care operator.

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 4:53:56 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jolly Orozco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB2216 HD2.Please help us

HB 2216, HD2 - RELATING TO CARE HOMES.
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE



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Aloha Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair
and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Hanks, I strongly Support HB2216 HD2.

Mahalo,
Jonathan Hanks

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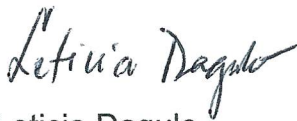
Chair Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair Lisa Kitagawa and all Committees:

I am Leticia Dagulo, caregiver for 20 years. I am in support for HB 2216 which increases the cap on state supplemental payments for type 1 adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, certified adult foster homes and type 11 adult residential care homes.

It is so hard to continue doing this business because of high inflation, the increase cost of food, shelter, gas, electricity, and other necessities.

May I request that you pass HB2216

Sincerely,



Leticia Dagulo

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:09:49 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nenita Gouveia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have been a caregiver for 18 years. My name is Nenita Gouveia. I wholeheartedly endorse HB2216. Like me, a lot of caregivers receive inadequate compensation. This just isn't enough to pay for all that needs to be paid for, including bills, food, housing, and other necessities, especially in light of the current high cost of living. It is expected of us to deliver high-quality care, but how can we accomplish that when we are having difficulty making ends meet?

Caregiving is not a job; it is a calling. Even though our goal is not financial gain, we shouldn't be exploited anyway. Since we perform such vital labor, we ought to be well compensated. Given the degree of expertise, commitment, and accountability that comes with being a caregiver, our compensation ought to be equitable.

Chair Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair Lisa Kitagawa and all Committees:

My name is Irene Yonezawa. I live at Community Care Foster Family Home of Leticia Dagulo for 9 years. I strongly support HB2216 for all the hardworking caregivers that work none stop to care for us vulnerable elderly and disabled. Without these caregivers we won't survive alone. Our own family can't take care of us.

I am requesting that you pass HB2216

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Thank you.



Irene Yonezawa

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:45:57 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roselle Catamping	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB2216-HD2

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB - 2216

To: Senator, Buenaventura – Chair
Senator, Aquino – Vice Chair

I, Cynthia Gima, am sending you my testimony on STRONG SUPPORT of HB2216. This bill will help the caregivers tremendously with the high cost of living. It is becoming very hard to survive with the pay we are currently receiving from the client's Room and Board.

The following are just some examples of why we strongly need this bill to pass:

- Cost of utilities, electricity, water, sewer costs that the clients use.
- Food and supply costs for clients.
- Housing
- Gas used when bringing clients to their doctor's appointments.
- Transportation costs for our clients who require assisted transportation, fees average \$100-\$150 depending on the distance.
- Car and Liability Insurance required in the home to follow state regulations.

Thank you very much!

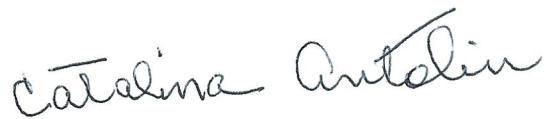
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Chair Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair Lisa Kitagawa and all Committees:

My name is Catalina Antolin. I am a substitute caregiver for Leticia Dagulo CCFFH for 20 years. I strongly support HB2216 for all the hardworking caregivers that work none stop to care for vulnerable elderly and disabled.

I am requesting that you pass HB2216

Thank you.



Catalina Antolin

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Chair Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair Lisa Kitagawa and all Committees:

My name is Roberto Dagulo. I strongly support HB2216 for all the hardworking caregivers that work none stop to care for vulnerable elderly and disabled. The cost of living here in Hawaii have increased over the years.

Therefore, I support HB2216

Thank you.

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Roberto Dagulo
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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:14:43 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Flordeliza Braga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB2216.

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HB-2216-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 2:53:59 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/18/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mercedes Arquitola	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am Mercedes Arquitola caregiver for 14 years. I am in support of HB 2216. I cannot continue doing this bussines if you will not give us increase because inflation is high and the money we are recieving is not enough to support our families.

Sencerly,

Mercedes Arquitola

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