HB 1208, HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE FEES.

Report Title: Department of Human Services; Licensing and Certification Fees

Description: Requires the Department of Human Services to gather data and recommend fees for licensure and certification of certain programs transferred to the Department of Health. Requires Department of Human Services to report findings and fee recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to 2014 Regular Session. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB1208 HD2)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS/HTH, WAM

Introducer(s): JORDAN, CARROLL, HASHEM, ICHIYAMA, KAWAKAMI, MORIKAWA, NISHIMOTO, OSHIRO, TAKAYAMA, TOKIOKA, Ing



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March 15, 2013

MEMORANDUM

 TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senate Committee on Human Services
The Honorable Josh Green, Chair Senate Committee on Health
FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director
SUBJECT: H.B. 1208, H.D.2 - RELATING TO CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE FEES
Hearing: Friday, March 15, 2013; 2:05 p.m. Conference Room 229, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 1208, H.D.2 is to require the Department of Human Services to gather data and recommend fees for licensure and certification of certain programs being transferred to the Department of Health. It also requires the Department of Human Services to report findings and fee recommendations to the Legislature.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of H.B. 1208, H.D. 2, which would require the DHS to gather relevant data and recommend reasonable fees to be assessed for certification, licensure, certification renewal, or license renewal for providers of home and community-based case management, community care foster family homes, and adult day care center

services. We would respectfully recommend, however, that section 2 of this bill be advanced as a session law or a resolution and not in statute as proposed in this bill. The collecting of such information and the fee recommendations are not meant to be an ongoing process and the reporting requirement in this bill is for one year only.

The jurisdiction over the adult day care centers, community care case management agencies, and community care foster family homes will be transferring to the DOH effective July 1, 2014. Once the programs are transferred, the fees schedules should be the responsibility of the DOH. The DHS is willing to collect the information and report to the Legislature on the fee recommendations. The Department of Health (DOH), however, is not required to adopt the DHS' recommendations of fees.

The DHS should not be statutorily required to set the fee schedules for programs that are the responsibility of another department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH P.O. Box 3378 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378 LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S.W., M.P.H. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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Senate Committee on Human Services and Senate Committee on Health

HB 1208, HD 2, Relating to Certification and Licensure Fees

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H. Director of Health

March 15, 2013

1 **Department's Position:** Oppose as unnecessary.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Costs are expected to be minimal; essentially the cost of staff time to compute

3 licensure fees to recoup the cost of licensure activities and to create administrative rules under DOH's

4 jurisdiction. No additional staffing is anticipated to determine licensure fees or to create administrative

5 rules.

Purpose and Justification: The department appreciates the bill's intent to aid in the transition of this 6 7 licensure program from DHS to DOH. This bill would require DHS to determine certification or licensure fees on community care foster family homes, case management agencies, and adult day care 8 9 centers to recommend to the DOH prior to the transfer of these programs to DOH. DOH will defer to DHS on this portion of the bill. However, the bill also permits DOH to accept those fees. DOH 10 appreciates the willingness of the legislature to aid in the transition but the DOH is capable of 11 determining licensure fees to collect on this licensure population. Therefore, the department feels that 12 the recommendation of fees from another state agency is unnecessary. 13

Promoting Lifelong Health and Wellness

Submitted on: 3/14/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grace Andres		Comments Only	No

Comments: I am not supporting this HB1208

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almira acasio	Individual	Oppose	No

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bernadette carlson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carmen Sanchez	Big Island Adult Foster Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm opposing this HB1208. Because I don't have any client right now. Respectfully, Carmen Sanchez

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Deanna Greig	Big Island Adult Foster Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I choose not to support this HB1208Thank You. Respectfully Deanna Greig

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Edna rice	Big Island Adult Foster Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I am supporting this HB1208. It will hurt the Care Home Industry. Thank You.

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Edna Salom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am Edna Salom an Adult Foster Home Operator from the Big Island strongly oppose HB1208 for the following reasons: RACCP operators are not compensated enough for the quality of services given to our clients. The expenses that we incur in our operating our business is so high that we could hardly make it. Examples of Caregiver's monthly expenses: 1. House -we pay monthly mortgage or monthly rent and Home Owner Insurance 2. yearly in-service fees:CNA training,-CPR, First AID, Bloodborne Pathogen, 3. Professional Liability Insurance - as required for certification or recertification 4. Substitute Caregiver-Pay at least \$10.00 per hr. 5. Monthly car payment and no fault insurance 6. Utility bills like: electricity, phone bills, gas, water 7. House maintenance 8. Foods-as we all know prices of everything we buy went up and we never get any pay raise yet. 9. Caregiver's Medical Insurancewe pay monthly premium for our health insurance. We need to take care of ourselves so we can give quality of care to our clients. With all the expenses mentioned above we cannot afford to have an additional financial burden to maintain our business and the quality of care that we are providing now. The truth is we are long overdue for a pay raise. Better compensation is equal to better service. Some caregivers may be forced to close their homes if we are going to pay for recertification fees. The aging population needs us. The state needs us too. We thought by merging the DHS and DOH we can save money so some of the savings will pass on to us instead of punishing us. ~Residential Adult Community Care Providers (RACCP) are saving millions of money for the state instead of putting patients in an institution. ~We are creating jobs (as small business) instead depending from the state for assistance. ~We pay 44% GE tax to pay the state employees ~It is a family business wherein we practice family values such as; team building or team work, respect, responsibility, accountability and self-sufficiency. The present system of certifying caregivers without fee is the right one. a. Why do we change what is right? b. Do we want to discourage caregivers who have the passion to care for aging population and people with disabilities? c. Do we want to punish the caregivers because they are the ones who are not paid by the hour but, less than a minimum wage 24/7? d. Do we want to put all the aging population in an institution to spend more money? e. Do we want to put our aging population or people with disabilities in a home and family setting where we can save money? Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify against HB1208

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emily topenio	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ernesto Tadeo	Big Island Adult Foster Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I am not supporting this HB 1208 because I can't afford to pay. I have only one client right now. In addition I have to pay my GE tax & and some other expenses that my occur. Thank You for your consideration. Respectfully, Ernesto Tadeo

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Estela Ellazar	Adult &Expanded Care Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I am not supporting this HB1208.Thank You for your consideration. Respectfully, Estela Ellazar

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evelyn isabelo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hazel Foronda	Big Island Adult Foster Home Operators	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not want this HB 1208 to pass .Thank You. Respectfully, Hazel Foronda

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Helen Sapla	Big IslandAdult Foster Home Operators	Oppose	No

Comments: We are strongly oppose HB1208 for the following reasons: RACCP operators are not compensated enough for the quality of services given to our clients. The expenses that we incur in our operating our business is so high that we could hardly make it. Examples of Caregiver's monthly expenses: 1. House -we pay monthly mortgage or monthly rent and Home Owner Insurance 2. yearly in-service fees:CNA training,-CPR, First AID, Bloodborne Pathogen, 3. Professional Liability Insurance -as required for certification or recertification 4. Substitute Caregiver-Pay at least \$10.00 per hr. 5. Monthly car payment and no fault insurance 6. Utility bills like: electricity, phone bills, gas, water 7. House maintenance 8. Foods-as we all know prices of everything we buy went up and we never get any pay raise yet. 9. Caregiver's Medical Insurance- we pay monthly premium for our health insurance. We need to take care of ourselves so we can give quality of care to our clients. With all the expenses mentioned above we cannot afford to have an additional financial burden to maintain our business and the quality of care that we are providing now. The truth is we are long overdue for a pay raise. Better compensation is equal to better service. Some caregivers may be forced to close their homes if we are going to pay for recertification fees. The aging population needs us. The state needs us too. We thought by merging the DHS and DOH we can save money so some of the savings will pass on to us instead of punishing us. ~Residential Adult Community Care Providers (RACCP) are saving millions of money for the state instead of putting patients in an institution. ~We are creating jobs (as small business) instead depending from the state for assistance. ~We pay 44% GE tax to pay the state employees ~It is a family business wherein we practice family values such as; team building or team work, respect, responsibility, accountability and self-sufficiency. The present system of certifying caregivers without fee is the right one. a. Why do we change what is right? b. Do we want to discourage caregivers who have the passion to care for aging population and people with disabilities? c. Do we want to punish the caregivers because they are the ones who are not paid by the hour but, less than a minimum wage 24/7? d. Do we want to put all the aging population in an institution to spend more money? e. Do we want to put our aging population or people with disabilities in a home and family setting where we can save money? Thank you for

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Helen Sembran	Big Island Adullt Foster Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this HB 1208. Thank You

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Jaine B Lacuesta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose.

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Jayvie Sumoba	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Jayvie Sumoba, Primary caregiver Dba Pancho and Jayvie's Adult Foster Care Home Hcr1 box 5478 Keaau, hi 96749 (808) 982-5004 Thursday, March 14,2013 Opposing of HB1208 HD2 My name is Jayvie Sumoba, from the Puna side of the Big Island. I have been operating my adult foster home since 2001. I strongly opposing HB1208 HD2, relating to certification and licensure fees. Requires the department of human services to gather data and recommend fees for licensure and certification of certain programs transferred to the Department of Human Services to report findings and fee recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty day prior to 2014 Regular Session. We as foster home caregiver and care home operator should not pay any fee because we are already saving money for the government by having the clients place into the community instead of them going to the facility. The money would take away my budget to feed my family it is hard as it is right now. This money will take away from my 2 children tuition fees and books for their college education. I urge your help to not pass this bill. This is a big chunk on our daily living. Also about posting the deficiency of the caregiver it should not be posted, only if the findings is substantial. It's could damage our reputation as caregivers and our business. I am begging you folks for your help to oppose HB1208 HD2 because we should not pay for any fee for transferring to Department of Health. And we should have our minor deficiency be posted online. I thank you for this opportunity to submit an online testimony.

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jocelyn rosabia	Individual	Oppose	No

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Julia Rivera	Big Island Adult Foster Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this HB 1208. Thank You. Respectfully, Julita Rivera

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larry quiabang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Margaret Danielewski	Big Island Adult Foster Home Operators	Oppose	No

Comments: I am not supporting this HB 1208 at all because sometimes I don't have clients at all. It is hard to pay if you don't have enough money. Thank You for giving me this opportunity to testify. Margaret Danielwski

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Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Big Island Adult Foster Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposing this HB1208 due to we are serving mostly Medicaid Client. Some homes have only one client some have none at all. Thank You for giving me the opportunity to testify. Respectfully, Maria Corazon E. Cariaga President

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Mercy Kramarz	Big Island Adult Foster Home Operators	Oppose	No

Comments: I disagree to this HB1208. Thank You. Respectfully, Mercy Kramarz

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Mona Bishaw	Individual	Oppose	No

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Peter Cerezo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose

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Rainbeau Rice	BigIsland Adult Foster Home Operators	Oppose	No

Comments: I disagree to this HB1208 . Thank You Raibeau Rice

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Robert de la Cruz	Big Island Adult Foster Home Operators	Oppose	No

Comments: I am not supporting this HB1208.It will hurt the care home industry. Thank You. Respectfully Robert de la Cruz

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Romeo Salom	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rosalinda R. Malalis	Nightingale Case Management, Inc.	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose this bill because we believe it will discourage caregivers from opening Care Homes and Foster Homes due to the high fees. The income of Care Homes and Foster Homes do not even meet minimum wage. To impose an excess fee on top of fees for liability insurance, modifications to the home, background checks for all household members, private medical insurance and other miscellaneous expenses would highly discourage caregivers from opening their homes to care for the aged, blind and disabled population. The State of Hawaii will be in need of more care homes and foster homes in the near furture due to the increasing eldelry population and therefore should encourage and support our caregiving population instead of the discouraging them by increasing the cost of opening a care facility.

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Thelma Lopez	Big Island Adult Foster Home	Oppose	No

Comments: I am not supporting this HB1208. Because It will hurt the Foster and Care Home Industry. We service mostly Medicaid Clients. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify. Respectfully, Thelma Lopez

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