Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii



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

April 6, 2015

RE: HB600 – Testimony in Strong Support – WAM 4/6/15 – Rm. 211 9:05 a.m.

Dear Chair Tokuda and Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Norma Tan, president of the organization with over 700 member homes on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and the Big Island. We **strongly support HB600**, which allows for two private-pay clients in a Community Care Foster Family Home (foster homes) where the two private-pay clients are in a special relationship with each other such as a married couple, reciprocal beneficiaries, or siblings.

Indeed, the heart of the foster home program is the family. We take disadvantaged individuals into our home and make them a part of our family. A sense of being part of a family is vital to any human being. Although we count our clients as part of our own family living in the home where we live, some clients would do even better if they could bring their own family into the home.

Clients who are separated from their own family often suffer severe trauma and depression. Outcomes would improve if they were able to live with their own family members like their spouse. Imagine being in a loving marriage or relationship for 50 years and then suddenly being separated. We want to admit clients who will fit well with our clients for their own well-being.

There is no shortage of beds for Medicaid clients in foster homes. We have lots of vacancies. We have been saying this for years. Medicaid clients will continue to have a place in our homes and will continue to be first priority. The foster home program, along with the other long-term care programs, have sufficient space for Medicaid clients, but the inflexible rule of having only one private-pay client is often detrimental to non-Medicaid clients.

Private-pay clients need care just as everyone else. They should have a right to remain in our home if it is their free choice and the choice of their family. It may also allow them to have a better quality of life and better outcomes. They deserve to be treated with dignity and have their choices respected.

For these reasons, we **strongly support HB 600**. Don't tear families apart when they are most fragile. This law was already on the books, but it sunset. HB 600 simply removes the sunst.

Very truly yours,

Norma Tan President

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 750 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. Our members are in every district of O'ahu, and we have chapters on Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island.

Norma Tan President

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Testimony of Louta P. Achimmel



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Emma delarosa	Individual	Support	No

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