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Testimony in SUPPORT with COMMENTS of House Bill 0859, HD 1 Relating to Health

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 Room Number: 308

1 Fiscal Implications: The department respectfully defers to the Governor's Executive Budget

2 request for the Department of Health's appropriations and personnel priorities.

3 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of this

4 bill, with comments.

5 This bill will authorize the department to create and maintain a forum on its website 6 where vacancy information of specified state-licensed care facilities may post vacancy 7 information to facilitate the placement of individuals. The department supports the intent of a 8 forum. However, information on the availability of vacant beds is best left up to the industry to 9 disseminate rather than by the department. A forum could be viewed as a form of advertising to 10 attract paying clients to specific homes. The department should not be directly involved in 11 advertising on behalf of state-licensed facilities.

The forum would likely take the form of a blog where facilities would post their vacancy information. Presumably, the public would expect the information on a state website to be reasonably accurate in order to be meaningful and useful. However, vacancy information is dynamic and often changes rapidly and the department must rely on the timeliness and

1	completeness of information conveyed by the facilities. The department does not have the
2	resources to directly verify the existence of specific vacancies and to identify the gender and
3	wheelchair allowances of the facilities for each vacancy. As a result, the forum page would need
4	to contain caveats and disclaimers regarding the timeliness and completeness of the information.
5	Nevertheless, if this committee or if the legislature were to determine that the forum
6	should reside with the industry instead of the department, the department pledges to actively
7	work with the industry to determine what role the state could or should play in the forum. A
8	Working Group would not be required.
9	Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill with comments.
10	Offered Amendments: None.

TO: HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2015, FRIDAY

TIME: 11:00 AM

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM 308

TESTIFIER: WANNETTE GAYLORD

BILL: HB 859 HD1

POSITION: IN STRONG SUPPORT

GOOD MORNING CHAIR LUKE, VICE-CHAIR NISHIMOTO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

MY NAME IS WANNETTE GAYLORD AND I AM THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARCA, ALLIANCE OF RESIDENTIALCARE ADMINISTRATORS.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB859 HD1 WITH A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

OUR ORGANIZATION STRONGLY SUPPORTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S INSPECTIONS WEBSITE INCLUDE A VACANCY REPORT IN WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN FACILITATING PLACEMENT OF OUR FRAGILE KUPUNA INTO THE RIGHT HOME.

THE DOH IS REQUIRED TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FORUM. WE REQUEST THAT LEADERS FROM PROMINENT CAREGIVER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ARCA ARE INCLUDED IN THIS WORKING GROUP.

MAHALO FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT.





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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grace Andres	Individual	Support	No

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Francisca Parayno	Individual	Support	No	

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Liberty Albano	Individual	Support	No

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Emma de la Rosa	Individual	Support	No

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Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Big Island Adult foster home operators	Support	No

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Chris Sapla	Individual	Support	No	

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Amiga Sapla	Individual	Support	No	

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Ernie Santos	Individual	Support	No	

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Cathy Tabili	Individual	Support	No

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Hermando Tabili	Individual	Support	No

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Elena Bugarin	Individual	Support	No

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Carlina Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

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Pedro Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

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Criselda Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

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Juanita Mina	Individual	Support	No

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Nelly Aliga	Individual	Support	No

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Roger Aliga	Individual	Support	No

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Conchita Care Home	Individual	Support	No

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Carina Duldulao	Individual	Support	No

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Lily Cua	Individual	Support	No

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Gloria Inocencio	Individual	Support	No

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Melva Suero Daak	Individual	Support	No

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Erlinda Villena	Individual	Support	No

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Danny Villena	Individual	Support	No

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Genevieve Tuliao	Individual	Support	No

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Randy Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Cabal	Individual	Support	No

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Josephine Cabal	Individual	Support	No

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Chatilee Patao	Individual	Support	No

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Francesca Dalere	Individual	Support	No

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Nestor Saludares	Individual	Support	No

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Comments: If ever this HB859 will pass the adult residential care homes and adult foster homes programs will maintain a good rule and a fair admissions of clients into their homes. The public or the community can now have a chance to choose which home is the best place for their parents to live in. Thank you for allowing me to testify

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Testimony:

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and committee members. I thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Jonathan P. Hanks, My wife Arlene and I run a Community Care Family Foster Home. I am in strong support of HB 859. My wife has been a certified CCFFH operator continuously since 2000. I've been caring for elderly in our home since 2006. I am also certified as an Adult Residential Care Home Operator. As our elderly population is increasing we need as many options as possible for them in long term care. This Bill, HB 859 Expands the list of state-licensed care facilities for which the Department of Health is required to post electronic inspection reports on its website. It Requires the Department to maintain a forum on its website where state-licensed care facilities may post vacancy information. This measure will make it easier for family members who are searching for the proper health care facility for their elder in need of care. The Vacancy Reporting, will help free up beds in hospitals, Nursing Facilities etc., and help fill open beds in Adult Residential Care-homes and Community Care Family Foster Homes. I am in Strong Support of this measure, HB 859. I humbly thank this Committee for this Opportunity to Speak.

Jonathan P. Hanks



Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 Time: 11: a.m. Place: conference Room 308 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street



Good Morning Chair, Vice-Chair and Members:

My name is Lilia Fajotina, President of ARCA, Alliance of ResidentialCareAdministrators

I strongly support the intent of HB859.

According to Section 321 – 1.8, Hawaii Revised Statues: 'Beginning with inspections occurring on January 1, 2015, the Department of Health shall post on its website electronic copies of reports for all inspections it performs of state-licensed care facilities.'

HB 859 asks to amend the statute further as 'in addition to the inspection report information being posted on the website, the Department of Health shall maintain a forum on its website where all state-licensed care facilities may post vacancy information to facilitate the placement' of consumers actively looking for placement especially those urgent need or in emergency placements where abuse and/or neglect is suspected in the Home or Facility.

There were issues or problems with inappropriate placements in the past where the resident or client does not have a clue where he or she was going to live and was not given the choice or not even seen the home. Discharge planners in the hospitals or long term care facilities mostly just talk the patient who is being discharged or family into living in an area the resident or resident's family do not prefer or desire for their love one to live or stay. With the list of vacancies on the website, they can navigate into the system and see for themselves what's available for them. DOH has a printed list of care homes for example to give to the prospect resident and family. It has many pages and it could be overwhelming, especially to someone who does not even know what a Care Home or a Foster Home is; their differences, their type of clients, and so on. Consumers should be able to have a place where they can go directly to look what's available for them; the freedom to select without compliance from discharge planners or case managers/workers.

I believe in transparency. The list of vacancies should be included in the website and not limited to the: Name of the facility; Name of the Primary Caregiver; demographics; location; a short description of the facility; if it is ADA approved facility or if can accommodate wheelchair bound clients; if the facility is recommended and any other that the DOH deemed important to include.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.