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Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 2692 HD2 RELATING TO COMMUNITY CASE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES.

REPRESENTATIVE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Room Number: 308

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None known.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to provide COMMENTS on this bill.
- This bill would increase the number of hours that primary caregivers could be absent
- 4 from a CCFFH as long as a substitute caregiver is present. The number of allowable absent
- 5 hours would increase from 28 hours per week to 50 hours per week and from five (5) hours per
- 6 day to 23 hours per day.
- 7 There is no preamble in the bill to identify what problem will be solved or what the
- 8 Legislative intent is, so the reason for this amendment is unknown.
- 9 Regarding absences of the primary caregiver, the Department is not opposed to changes
- but believes that the matter of personnel and staffing of CCFFH's is better in administrative rules
- 11 rather than in statute. The administrative rules currently contain a section on personnel and
- 12 staffing.
- As a result, the Department offers the following amendments beginning on page 1, line
- 14 13 through page 2, line 19 to delete language that is more appropriately suited in administrative
- 15 rules:

Т	Offered Amendments: (4) Requirements for primary and substitute caregivers caring for three
2	clients in community care foster family homes including <u>allowing for primary caregivers to be</u>
3	absent from the community care foster family home provided that the substitute caregiver is
4	present in the community care foster family home during the primary caregiver's absence.
5	(A) Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers be twenty one years of age or
6	older;
7	(B) Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers complete a minimum of twelve
8	hours of continuing education every twelve months or at least twenty—four hours
9	of continuing education every twenty-four months;
10	(C) Allowing the primary caregiver to be absent from the community care foster
11	family home for no more than [twenty eight] fifty hours in a calendar week, not to
12	exceed [five] twenty three hours per day; provided that the substitute caregiver is
13	present in the community care foster family home during the primary caregiver's
14	absence;
15	(D) Where the primary caregiver is absent from the community care foster family
16	home in excess of the hours as prescribed in subparagraph (C), mandating that the
17	substitute caregiver be a certified nurse aide; and
18	(E) Mandating that the substitute caregiver have, at a minimum, one year prior work
19	experience as a caregiver in a community residential setting or in a medical
20	facility.
21	Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



Community Homecare Association of Hawaii P.O. Box 971450 Waipahu HI 96797

Re: HB2692 - Testimony in Strong Support

Notice of Hearing

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Chair Rosalyn Baker Vice Chair Ty Cullen, and Members of the Committee

The Community Home Care of Hawaii (CHCAOH) **strongly support HB2692**, which provide s greater flexibility for operators of Community Care Foster Family Homes. By allowing substitute caregivers 23 hours per day. As it is now, I am allowed 5 hours per day to be away from my patients. That's not enough time for me to spend with my family. Please Please consider our sacrifices and give us some options towards our Personal time.

I will never leave my patients unattended and I will always make sure they are well taken care of by my substitutes before I leave.

Please pass HB2692. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

The Community Home Care Association of Hawaii (CHCAOH) under the Community Home Foster Family Home program under the Department of Health and Human Services, State of Hawaii. With a member of almost 330 providers.

<u>ANNUAL PREMIUM of \$450.00</u>. Please send your application together with your <u>MEMBERSHIP FEE of \$35.00</u>. To the members from other organization, if you renew this year you're covered until December 2018.

For Questions call: Lemmy Maluyo-Mabuti @ (808) 382-0203.

Thank You! Salamat! Agyamanak Unay! ⊚©©

ATTENTION !!! All caregivers who received the letter from the Department of Human Services for the \$500.00 Fee. DO NOT SEND YET, We have schedule meeting for us with the Director of the Department of Human Services PANKAJ BHANOT and the Med-Quest Administrator Dr. JUDY PETERSON for Monday, September 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Capitol Room 329.

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Please attend every meeting. We have a lot to discuss and it is very important for all caregivers to be a part of every decision that are being made with teamwork and fellowship. There are a lot off issues that need to be discussed, so we need to help each other with support and to understanding with one another. As caregivers, we will force upon our knowledge to attain our security and protection. We need to stand by each other to voice out our questions, concerns, and opinions.

It was overwhelming to see all of with these notifications from MQD-DHS. The finger printing of every five years for us providers only has created confusion for all because we have done it already when we initially opened our homes for the RACCP. DHS said that we would have to only do the finger printing once. Then, suddenly two months ago, they sent us certified mails commanding us to have finger printing again. This is not included in our requirements of certification from CTA. And we came to find out that it's another requirement from CMS. So we did it again for \$68.00. Then a week after the finger printing, members has called me saying that they received a certified mail again, which I also just got mine three days ago. The mail from MQD-DHS has asked us to pay \$500.00 together with the results of our fingerprinting & the application (which we have to download from the website stated in the letter). We will abide by the law and do our responsibilities if we have to do so. They should have notified us first or hold a meeting with the HCBS before they implemented this fee, that this would take place so soon.

IT SHOULDN'T BE THE WAY THEY APPROACHED CAREGIVERS WHO ARE SAVING THE STATE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BEGIN WITH.

<u>PAY RAISE---</u>Compensation for caregivers----All of us have asked for this deal with possible pay increase for all caregivers under the department of health purview. This is our opportunity to ask for a pay raise. I think the last time we did this was back in 2007.

Continue to be vigilant regarding our incoming bills, it all depend on how we participate at the hearing in the capitol.





Ohana 2nd Annual Kupuna Malama Awards. These ladies with leis on are the BEST CAREGIVERS OF THE YEAR 2017. CONGRATULATION!!! Three of them are my Exec. Board and members

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TO ALL CHCAOH MEMBERS (formerly Adult Foster Home of the Pacific)

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 6:20:52 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Cambe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Cambe's Adult Foster Home

Testimony in support of HB2692

Chairman Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen and members of the committee:

My name is Julie Cambe and I am one of the members of the Community Home Care Association of Hawai'i (CHCAOH). I started my foster home in 2003 and my husband has been my secondary caregiver since then. Although he is an NA (Nurse Aid), he is able to provide what the primary caregiver (PCG) can provide. Yet, as an NA, he is only allowed to care for 5 hours if I am away even we leave in one house

For most of us primary caregivers, our SCG is our family members. A mother, father, sister and brother, but even if they are nurse aid they go through the same training and schooling as the primary caregiver does. They have also been there since the start of our foster homes. My sister and son, who are also NA's, are able to provide what the CNA can do. The Primary Caregivers are tasked with difficult duties on top of providing for our families, but we are still trying to give the best care to our clients as much as possible. As you may know, our pay for medicaid clients is not enough to pay the CNA.

We are asking to please add more time for us PCG's to leave our homes to run personal errands and be the productive caregivers we are. Please pass HB

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To: House FIN committee February 25, 2020 - 12:30 PM - CR 308

From: Miguel Rivera - Testimony in Support of HB1950 underwater tunnel study.

Aloha Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair of FIN and Committee members

Hello, my name is Miguel Rivera and I'm in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1950 which request the DOT to conduct a study on the feasibility of a private-public partnership to design, build, and operate an underwater tunnel for vehicle traffic to provide a more direct connection between West Oahu, Leeward Coast/Ewa and downtown Honolulu along with the expansion of roadways as necessary to maximize use of the tunnel.

The study shall include estimates on the appropriate toll fees for use of the tunnel if a tunnel is feasible. The study shall be submitted to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the regular session of 2022.

The upcoming decades will bring tens of thousands of new homes to the leeward coast and nearby areas of west Oahu. Traffic experts predict that vehicular congestion will double or triple because of the growth in population. Completion of Honolulu's rail transit project, potential implementation of toll roads, and other traffic mitigation efforts, while helpful, will not be enough to provide the additional transportation capacity for west Oahu residents.

The underwater tunnel constructed at an appropriate location will provide residents of the Leeward Coast and West Oahu with a much more direct route to downtown Honolulu, which will reduce travel time and save transportation expenses. In addition, it will take away almost half of the current traffic on the H1 freeway thus expediating traffic from the H2 freeway.

In the past, United States Navy did not oppose the construction of an underwater tunnel because naval vessels commonly traverse underwater tunnels on the east coast of the United States and throughout the world.

The construction by a private-public partnership to design, build, and operate an underwater tunnel for vehicle traffic along with the expansion of roadways as necessary to maximize use of the tunnel will provide a more direct connection between West Oahu/Ewa and downtown Honolulu.

We are requesting that there is to be appropriated out of the general obligation bond revenues issued pursuant to section 3 the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy bill.

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To: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Kopayashi and Members of the Committee:

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Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii (AFHA) strongly supports HB 2692, which provides greater flexibility for operators of Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFHs) by allowing substitute caregivers to relieve primary caregivers for up to fifty (50) hours per calendar year and no more than twenty-three (23) in any

This bill is needed because primary caregivers are having difficulty keeping up with the needs of their operation if they are unable to leave their homes. As you know, primary caregivers are responsible for procuring supplies, getting continuing education, and addressing incidental matters relating to their operation.

Meanwhile, substitute caregivers are held to the same standards and receive the same training as primary caregivers. Regardless of the situation, the primary caregiver retains the responsibility and liability for clients.

Notwithstanding the lack of financial incentives, caregivers tirelessly provide personalized virtual one-on-one hands-on care to their residents. On a daily basis, caregivers cook for their residents menus that are mandated by the State; they clean the house so that they can meet stringent standards of cleanliness; they bathe their residents; they help residents use the bathroom; they dress their residents; they take their residents to medical appointments; they ensure that residents take their medicine; they do the laundry soiled by their residents; and after all this, they entertain their residents and help their residents preserve their dignity giving them the feeling that they still belong in the

Please allow primary caregivers to a little more flexibility to run their operations so they can better serve their clients by **strongly supporting HB 2692**.

Sincerely,

Maribel 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.



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