
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A SUSTAINABILITY FUND OR OTHER METHODS OF INCREASING FUNDING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME AND EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME PROVIDERS.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a limited number of beds
2 in nursing homes for patients requiring the level of care
3 provided by nursing homes; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH)
6 program and Expanded Adult Residential Care Home (E-ARCH)
7 program provide additional options for patients requiring
8 nursing home level care throughout the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, caregivers in CCFFHs and E-ARCHs effectively
11 provide the proper care needed for nursing home level patients,
12 including assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)
13 specialized care such as the use of feeding tubes, catheters,
14 providing basic wound care, maintenance exercise programs,
15 cognitive stimulation, dietary management, and other custodial
16 care as needed; and
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18 WHEREAS, the ARCH program was introduced in Hawaii in the
19 1950s or earlier to provide assisted living type care; it was
20 expanded in 1994 to provide nursing home level care as the E-
21 ARCH program under the Department of Health, serving
22 approximately fourteen hundred patients with the potential for
23 an even greater capacity; and
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25 WHEREAS, the pilot CCFFH program was started in 1979 by The
26 Queen's Medical Center, where it began receiving Medicaid
27 funding under a federal Medicaid waiver in 1984, initially under
28 the direction of the Department of Human Services and is
29 presently situated in the Department of Health; and



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WHEREAS, the CCFFH program is currently serving approximately three thousand patients, with the potential for even greater capacity; and

WHEREAS, the 1984 CCFFH federal Medicaid waiver was approved based on its success as a high-quality alternative to nursing home placement for Medicaid patients that costs two-thirds or less than the cost of placement in a nursing home; and

WHEREAS, nursing facilities in the State do not have enough beds to accommodate patients requiring the level of care provided in nursing facilities, and the CCFFH and E-ARCH programs grant patients additional options to receive adequate care; and

WHEREAS, the CCFFH and E-ARCH programs allow reduction of hospital stays by patients requiring nursing home level of care and provide relief to families caring for a family member with such needs, which can lead to a reduction of morbidity and mortality in those patients; and

WHEREAS, although the CCFFH and E-ARCH programs provide the same level of care for patients at nursing facilities, unlike the sustainability fund established for nursing facilities, there is no similar fund directly related to CCFFH and E-ARCH; and

WHEREAS, establishing a CCFFH and E-ARCH sustainability fund will provide an affordable system for long-term care for patients outside of nursing facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Human Services is requested to convene a working group to explore all payment methodologies, including creating a sustainability fund or other methods of increasing funding to Community Care Foster Family Home and Expanded Adult Residential Care Home providers; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Human Services
2 Med-QUEST Division is requested to serve as the chairperson of
3 the working group; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is urged that members of the
6 working group consist of:
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- 8 (1) A representative from the Department of Human Services
9 Med-QUEST Division;
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11 (2) One representative from the Executive Office on Aging;
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- 13 (3) One representative from the Expanded Adult Residential
14 Care Home Program;
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16 (4) One representative from the Community Care Foster
17 Family Home Program;
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19 (5) One representative from the Healthcare Association of
20 Hawaii; and
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- 22 (6) One representative from the American Association of
23 Retired Persons Hawaii; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
26 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
27 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
28 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
29 of 2023; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
33 Director of Human Services.

