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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES IN THE STATE TO ACCEPT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THE STATE'S MEDICAID I/DD WAIVER PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, a Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH) is a  
2 home that is regulated and certified by the Department of Health  
3 to provide, for a fee, twenty-four-hour living accommodations,  
4 including personal care and homemaker services, to certain  
5 individuals who need nursing facility level of care; and  
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7           WHEREAS, CCFFH is a more affordable alternative to  
8 institutionalized care, such as intermediate care facilities or  
9 skilled nursing facilities, enabling individuals to receive care  
10 and support in their own homes and communities; and  
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12           WHEREAS, Medicaid is a jointly funded, federal-state health  
13 insurance program for individuals with limited income and  
14 resources who meet eligibility requirements; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the State's Medicaid program, also known as Med-  
17 QUEST, is administered by the Med-Quest Division of the  
18 Department of Human Services; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Medicaid's Home- and Community-Based Services  
21 (HCBS) waiver program, established pursuant to section 1915(c)  
22 of the federal Social Security Act, allows states to waive  
23 certain Medicaid requirements to provide medical assistance to  
24 eligible individuals in the form of reimbursing HCBS providers  
25 for part or all of the costs for their services; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Med-Quest Division works in partnership with  
28 the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of  
29 Health to design and implement the State's HCBS waiver program  
30 (Medicaid I/DD waiver program) that meets the needs of its  
31 residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and  
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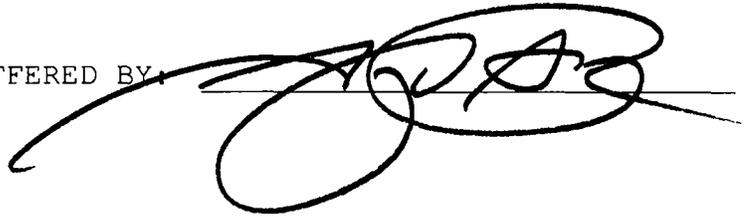
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1 WHEREAS, there is an insufficient number of CCFFHs in the  
2 State that accept individuals eligible for assistance under the  
3 State's Medicaid I/DD waiver program; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
7 that the Department of Human Services and Department of Health  
8 are requested to establish a program to incentivize Community  
9 Care Foster Family Homes in the State to accept individuals who  
10 are eligible for assistance pursuant to the State's Medicaid  
11 I/DD waiver program; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services and  
15 Director of Health.  
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OFFERED BY:

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