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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE HOMES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 321-483, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:  
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4 "(b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
5 91 relating to:  
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7 (1) Standards of conditions and competence for the  
8 operation of community care foster family homes;  
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10 (2) Procedures for obtaining and renewing a certificate of  
11 approval from the department;  
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13 (3) Minimum grievance procedures for clients of community  
14 care foster family home services; and  
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16 (4) Requirements for primary and substitute caregivers  
17 caring for three clients in community care foster  
family homes including:  
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19 (A) Mandating that primary ~~[and substitute]~~  
20 caregivers be twenty-one years of age or older[~~+~~]  
21 and that substitute caregivers be eighteen years  
22 of age or older;



- (B) Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers complete a minimum of twelve hours of continuing education every twelve months or at least twenty-four hours of continuing education every twenty-four months;
- (C) Allowing the primary caregiver to be absent from the community care foster family home for no more than twenty-eight hours in a calendar week, not to exceed five hours per day; provided that the substitute caregiver is present in the community care foster family home during the primary caregiver's absence;
- (D) Where the primary caregiver is absent from the community care foster family home in excess of the hours as prescribed in subparagraph (C), mandating that the substitute caregiver be a certified nurse aide; and
- (E) Mandating that the substitute caregiver have, at a minimum, one year prior work experience as a caregiver in a community residential setting or in a medical facility."



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 2419

**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Lowers the minimum age required by Department of Health rules for substitute caregivers in community care foster family homes to eighteen years.

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