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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY 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:

3 " (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to  
4 chapter 91 relating to:

5 (1) Standards of conditions and competence for the  
6 operation of community care foster family homes;  
7 (2) Procedures for obtaining and renewing a certificate of  
8 approval from the department;  
9 (3) Minimum grievance procedures for clients of community  
10 care foster family home services; and  
11 (4) Requirements for primary and substitute caregivers  
12 caring for three clients in community care foster  
13 family homes including:  
14 (A) Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers  
15 be twenty-one years of age or older;  
16 (B) Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers  
17 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] forty-eight hours in a calendar week [~~, not to exceed five hours per day;~~] with no absence longer than twenty-four consecutive hours; provided that the substitute caregiver is present in the community care foster family home during the primary caregiver's absence;

13 (D) Where the primary caregiver is absent from the  
14 community care foster family home in excess of  
15 the hours as prescribed in subparagraph (C),  
16 mandating that the substitute caregiver be a  
17 certified nurse aide; and  
18 (E) Mandating that the substitute caregiver have, at  
19 a minimum, one year prior work experience as a  
20 caregiver in a community residential setting or  
21 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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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INTRODUCED BY:



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# H.B. NO. 2421

**Report Title:**

Community Care Foster Family Home; Primary Caregiver; Absences

**Description:**

Changes the allowed absence by a primary caregiver at a community care foster family home to 48 hours in calendar week with no absence longer than 24 consecutive hours.

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