
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO INCREASE COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME
ACCESSIBILITY FOR PRIVATE-PAY INDIVIDUALS.

1 WHEREAS, community care foster family homes are homes
2 regulated by the Department of Human Services that provide
3 twenty-four-hour living accommodations for not more than three
4 clients; and

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6 WHEREAS, the statutory definition of a community care
7 foster family home, in section 321-481, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
8 generally limits the home's clients to a maximum of one
9 private-pay client at a time, with the other clients being
10 Medicaid recipients; and

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12 WHEREAS, under certain circumstances, a community care
13 foster family home may have two private-pay clients if the two
14 private-pay clients are married to, or in a civil union with,
15 each other and if various other conditions are satisfied; and

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17 WHEREAS, the law does not allow two individuals who are not
18 married, or not in a civil union with each other, to reside in
19 the same community care foster family home if both individuals
20 are private-pay clients; and

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22 WHEREAS, this restriction can make it difficult for some
23 individuals who are in a relationship to find long-term care in
24 the same home; and

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26 WHEREAS, amending section 321-481, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
27 to allow two unrelated, private-pay individuals to reside in the
28 same community care foster family home could make community care
29 foster family homes more accessible to a portion of Hawaii's
30 aging population, but could also reduce available care for
31 Medicaid recipients; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2026, that the Department of Human Services is requested to
4 convene a task force to make recommendations for:

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6 (1) Creating a more expedient application process for
7 private-pay clients who are either married to, or in a
8 civil union with, each other, and who wish to reside
9 in the same community care foster family home; and
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11 (2) Increasing the availability of community care foster
12 family homes so that two unrelated private-pay
13 individuals may be able to reside in the same
14 community care foster family home; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
17 comprise the following:

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19 (1) The Director of Human Services, or the Director's
20 designee, who shall serve as the Chairperson of the
21 task force; and
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23 (2) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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25 (3) The Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division
26 Administrator, or the Administrator's designee;
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28 (4) One individual from an organization that represents
29 adult residential care home organizations in Hawaii,
30 to be invited by the Chairperson to participate;
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32 (5) One individual from an organization that represents
33 home health care operators in Hawaii, to be invited by
34 the Chairperson to participate;
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36 (6) One individual from an organization that represents
37 case management agencies in Hawaii, to be invited by
38 the Chairperson to participate; and
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40 (7) Any other individuals deemed relevant and invited by
41 the Chairperson to participate; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
2 Services is requested to publish on its website annual
3 statistics on the number of married and civil union private-pay
4 couples who have applied to reside together in a community care
5 foster family home, and the outcomes of those applications; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
8 Services is requested to provide administrative support to the
9 task force, as needed; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
12 submit a report of its findings, recommendations, and proposed
13 legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty
14 days prior to the Regular Session of 2027; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services,
18 Director of Health, and Administrator of the Department of Human
19 Services Med-QUEST Division.
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