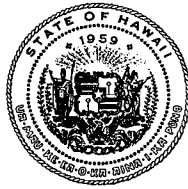


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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SB0818, SD1, RELATING TO HEALTH

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health

February 27, 2009
9:00 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The department appreciates the intent of this bill, but must respectfully oppose
2 it as currently drafted.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Significant additional work hours and expenses will be required which cannot be
4 absorbed at the current staffing levels. These expenses are estimated at \$46,000 for year 1 and
5 additional annual operating expenses of \$34,000.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The bill will require the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department
7 of Human Services (DHS) to post inspection results from licensing surveys and complaint investigations
8 onto the respective DOH and DHS websites for care facilities each department licenses. The state
9 licenses approximately 600 ARCHs, nursing homes, developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, and
10 assisted living facilities that would be affected by this bill in addition to licensing many other facilities
11 such as hospitals, clinical laboratories, ambulatory surgical centers, home health agencies, etc. The
12 significant volume of providers and associated surveys, lists of deficiencies, and plans of correction of
13 approximately 61,000 pages per year will require significant additional work hours which cannot be
14 absorbed at current staffing levels. Funding does not exist to cover the additional costs. The Centers for
15 Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) currently requires nursing facilities to make available to current

1 and potential patients the licensing results, list of deficiencies and plan of correction in hard copy form
2 at the facility. As a result, the practicalities of the current funding environment preclude any ability to
3 implement the bill's requirements and CMS requirements on nursing facilities makes this bill
4 unnecessary for nursing facilities.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:
This info so very vital for families and for patients.

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Joint statement of Al Hamai, President, and Carol Nitta, Legislative Committee
Member, Supporting SB 818, SD1, Relating to Health

Hearing of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

February 27, 2008, 9a.m. Conference Room 211

Chair Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair and Members
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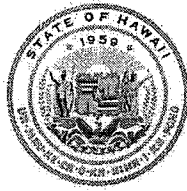
We are submitting testimony on behalf of HARA in support of SB 818, SD1.
HARA has nine affiliates, listed on this letterhead, representing 21,000 members.

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Health and the
Department of Human Services to make available to the public free of charge,
information collected from the departments' inspections of care facilities. We
concur wholeheartedly with this purpose.

Anyone who has had the experience of finding a suitable care facilities for a love
one with a few days notice from a doctor or a medical facility will understand how
difficult and trying that experience really is. Which care facility from among a
whole listing of facilities will be most suitable from our loved one? Providing
inspection reports on line will be very helpful to make the difficult placement
decision.

HARA urges the Senate Committee on Ways and Means to approve SB 818, SD
1 and consider setting an earlier effective date than January 1, 2011, which is
way too long, considering the creative talents of the DOH and DHS. Mahalo.

*HARA is a strong voice for Hawaii's retirees and seniors; a diverse community-based
organization with national roots; a grassroots organizer, educator, and communicator; and a
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The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Mercado Kim and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 818 SD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Health (DOH) and Human Services (DHS).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS SB 818 SD1**. The purpose of the bill is to require DOH and DHS to post on their respective websites reports of all inspections of care facilities by January 1, 2011.

The provisions of this bill increases the ability of the public to obtain inspection reports of care facilities, and the transparency for the public to know which care facilities are not meeting standards, which ones meet minimal standards, and those that go beyond the minimal standards. This information could also be linked with the Aging and Disability Resource Center that is developing a single entry point for information and resources for the elder and disability population.

We defer to DOH and DHS for the appropriation required for each department to implement this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony supporting SB 818 SD1.

Sincerely,

Waynette K. Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator

Rosie Rowe
Chair