
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE
ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME OPERATORS WITH THE SERVICES
NECESSARY TO ASSIST THEM IN PROVIDING CARE FOR ADULTS.

1 WHEREAS, adult residential care home (ARCH) operators
2 provide an invaluable service to the greater community; and
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4 WHEREAS, ARCHs save taxpayers substantial sums of money
5 that would otherwise be expended for the care of the elderly and
6 disabled, if they were to become wards of the State; and
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8 WHEREAS, many operators are beset by many challenges such
9 as the high cost of liability insurance that threaten their
10 continued existence; and
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12 WHEREAS, caring for the elderly and infirm is an honorable
13 profession that is becoming increasingly necessary in the face
14 of Hawaii's ever-expanding elderly population; and
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16 WHEREAS, with the cost of living in Hawaii it has become
17 increasingly common for multiple family members in a home to
18 hold down several jobs which leaves little time for the 24-hour
19 care an aging relative may require; and
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21 WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020 one in four
22 persons in this state will be over the age of 60; and
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24 WHEREAS, assisted living facilities are well beyond the
25 financial reach of many families who need assistance to care for
26 an aging loved one; and
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28 WHEREAS, ARCH operators provide for all aspects of a
29 person's needs from scheduling of doctor's appointments or
30 physical therapy programs to providing social interaction with
31 those residents who no longer have family close by; and



1 WHEREAS, considering the difficulty of operating an ARCH,
2 and the tremendous services it provides to the State, it
3 behooves the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Human
4 Services (DHS) to work with ARCH operators to ensure a mutually
5 beneficial and respectful relationship; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
9 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that DOH and DHS are
10 urged to provide ARCH operators with the services necessary to
11 assist them in providing care for adults; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ARCH operators have the right
14 to be treated with dignity and respect, and valued as primary
15 providers of adult care and members of a professional team
16 providing care; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of
19 society as a whole that ARCH operators are properly trained and
20 supported for their mission of providing daily care and meeting
21 the needs of adults in ARCH care; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that training, consultation, and
24 assistance in evaluating, identifying, and accessing services to
25 meet needs related to the role of ARCH operators should be made
26 available to those who wish to enter or continue in this
27 profession; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of
30 those in ARCH care that ARCH operators provide information that
31 will allow DOH and DHS to identify the types of resources and
32 services that would meet the needs of adults currently in their
33 care and those of their families, and to advocate for the same
34 without threat of reprisal; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that information concerning
37 behavioral problems, health history, educational status,
38 cultural and family background, and other issues relative to an
39 adult which are known to DOH and DHS at the time the adult is
40 placed in ARCH care should be made available to all ARCH
41 operators; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOH and DHS should have a staff
2 person representing the department on call 24-hours a day, seven
3 days a week, for the purpose of assisting ARCH operators to
4 receive departmental assistance; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ARCH operators should be provided
7 all information pertinent to the adults in their care which DOH
8 and DHS has in its possession; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
12 of Health, and Director of Human Services.

