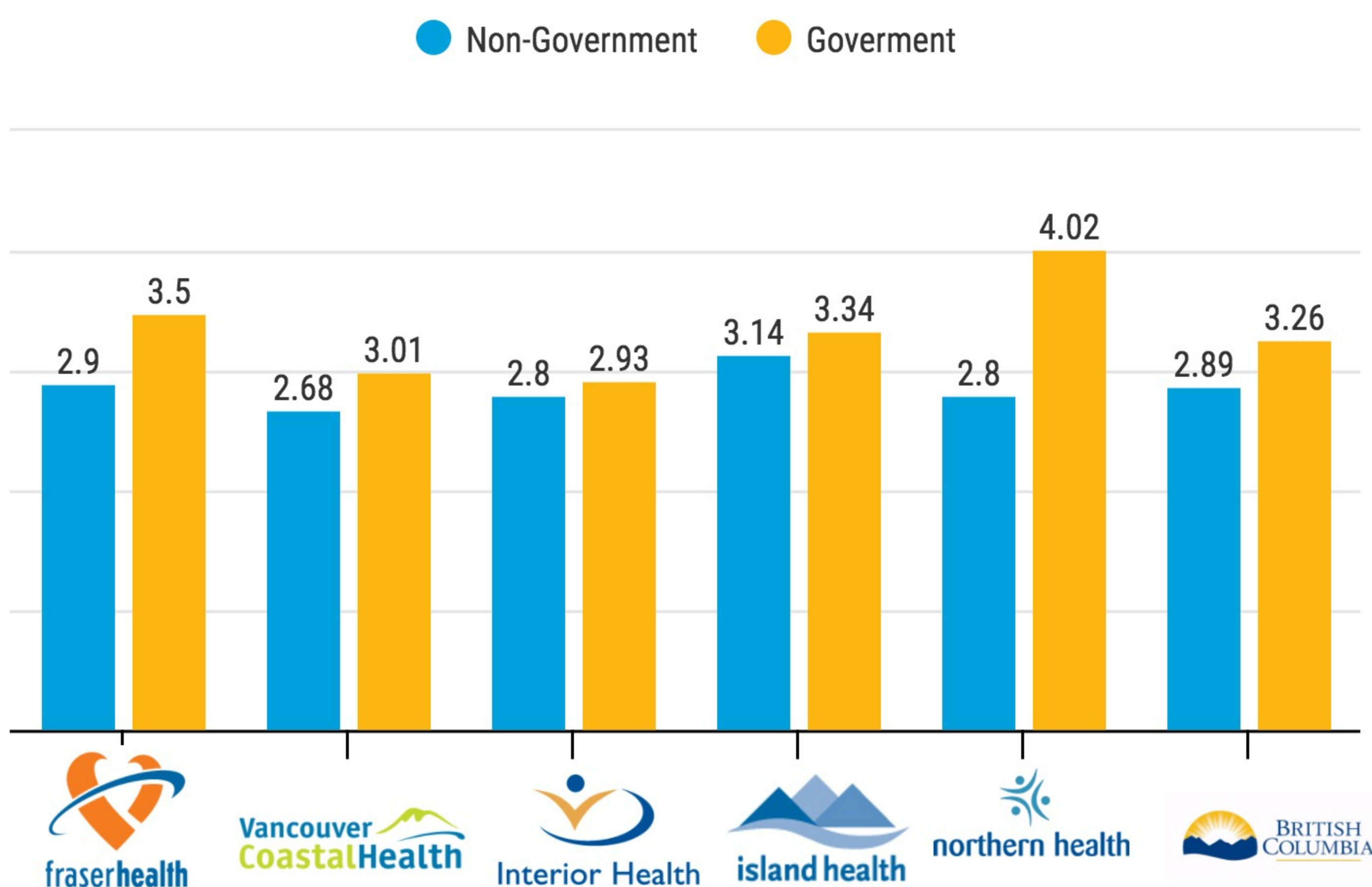


The Case for a Minimum of 3.36 Direct Care Hour

Direct Care Hour

A Direct Care Hour (DCH) is the time that healthcare professionals (nurses, care aides, allied health) dedicate to caring for seniors each day.

The average senior living in residential care in British Columbia is funded to receive **3.02 DCH** per day for 2017.



Inequities in DCH Funding

Seniors living in private and non-profit owned care homes are funded for fewer DCH than those in government care homes despite having similar acuity levels.

Source: Data from respective Health Authority Privacy

Most Care Homes Below the Guideline are Private

- 244 residential care homes in BC need to be brought up to the 3.36 DCH guideline.
- **Three-Quarters** of these care homes are owned and operated by private and non-profit organizations.

