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HCR 25, Urging All Hospitals That Provide Medical Care To Newborns To Provide Parents Of The Newborn With Written Educational Information Approved By The Department Of Health About The Dangerous Effects Of Shaken Baby Syndrome And The Methods Of Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome

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1 **Department's Position: Opposes.** This resolution is not necessary since the 2007 Legislature passed
2 Act 216. The purpose of this Act is to provide information regarding Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) to
3 parents of all newborns under care at a hospital, including a public health facility.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health (DOH) recognizes that SBS is a serious and
6 preventable condition and believes that it is important for all parents to receive education provided by
7 health professionals and agencies. The DOH has developed a survey for hospitals and public health
8 facilities to assess their institution's present policy for SBS education, resources, and staff training.

9 A procedure will be established to provide and review educational materials. The DOH shall submit a
10 report to the legislature for the regular session of 2009 with data and findings as a result of providing
11 SBS educational material to parents of newborns. The Maternal Child Health Branch is committed to
12 collaborate with stakeholders, such as Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and health professionals, to assure
13 all critical infant care issues are addressed in a comprehensive manner.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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