

HCR25

Measure Title:

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.

Report Title:

Shaken Baby Syndrome; Prevention

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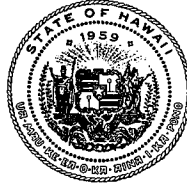
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Senate Committees on Health and Human Services and Public Housing

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

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

March 28, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

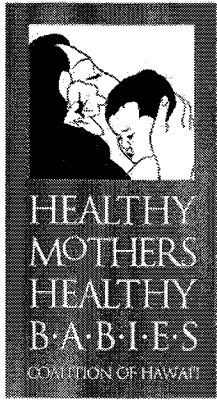
1 **Department's Position:** This resolution is not necessary because HRS §321-33 enacted as a result of
2 the 2007 Legislature, requires that information be provided regarding Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) to
3 parents of all newborns under care at a hospital, including a public health facility.

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.



HEALTHY MOTHERS,
HEALTHY BABIES
COALITION OF HAWAII

TO: Committee On Health; Committee On Human Services and Public Housing; Committee On Intergovernmental and Military Affairs; Committee On Judiciary and Labor

RE: 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

Hearing Schedule: Friday, March 28, 2008 at 1:30 pm

Testimony in Support of Intent of HCR 25

Chair Ige, Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Inouye, Chair Taniguchi and Member of the Committees. My name is Jackie Berry, Executive Director of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii, and I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the intent of HCR 25. The Department of Health is implementing the Hawaii Revised Statute 321-33 as required by Act 216 passed by the 2007 Legislature; the purpose of which is to provide information regarding Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) to parents of all newborns under care at a hospital, including a public health facility.

SBS is a serious and preventable condition and it is important for all parents to receive education provided by health professionals and agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

**SENATE HEARING HTH/HSP FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008 AT 1:30 P.M. IN
CONFERENCE ROOM 016**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR25 & HR25

I support HCR25 & HR25, 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.

Last year the Hawaii legislature passed SB1750, DS1, HD1, CD1, Act 216 enacted on June 27, 2007. However, a review of the new law in HRS Sec. 321(a), provides, "Any hospital that provides medical care to a newborn may provide each patient of the newborn with written educational information approved by the department of health and provided by nonprofit organizations about the dangerous effects of shaken baby syndrome and the different methods of preventing shaken baby syndrome."

HCR25 & HR25 are important, because these resolutions urge all hospitals that provide care to newborns to provide the parents of the newborn with written educational information about the dangerous effects of shaken baby syndrome. Thus, it goes further by urging the hospitals to provide such important information to prevent shaken baby syndrome in Hawaii.

I respectfully ask that you pass these resolutions to protect our newborn babies from shaken baby syndrome.

Jill Besario
Private Citizen & Resident of Hawaii

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THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 1750
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that shaken baby syndrome is the medical term used to describe the vigorous violent shaking of an infant or young child and the resulting injuries. At least one in four victims of shaken baby syndrome die as a result of their injuries. More than fifty per cent of the infants and young children who survive shaken baby syndrome suffer from residual disabilities, including brain damage, seizures, mental retardation, spinal injury, paralysis, blindness, and hearing loss.

The legislature further finds that shaken baby syndrome is preventable when parents of newborns are educated regarding the effects of a moment's violent loss of control and the resulting signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome. Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii is a nonprofit organization willing to provide hospitals and public health facilities with written educational materials about the dangerous effects of shaken baby syndrome and the different methods of preventing shaken baby syndrome.

The purpose of this Act is to enable a hospital, including a public health facility, to provide information regarding shaken baby syndrome to the parents of all newborns under its care.

SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by

adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§321- Shaken baby syndrome. (a) Any hospital that provides medical care to a newborn may provide each parent of the newborn with written educational information approved by the department of health and provided by nonprofit organizations about the dangerous effects of shaken baby syndrome and the different methods of preventing shaken baby syndrome.

(b) For the purpose of this section:

"Hospital" includes:

- (1) An institution with an organized medical staff, regulated under section 321-11(10), that admits patients for inpatient care, diagnosis, observation, and treatment; and
- (2) A health facility under chapter 323F.

"Medical care" means every type of care, treatment, surgery, hospitalization, attendance, service, and supplies as the nature of the injury or condition requires.

"Parent" includes a biological mother or father, foster mother or foster father, adoptive mother or adoptive father, and step-mother or step-father.

"Shaken baby syndrome" means an injury caused by the vigorous shaking of an infant or young child that may result in injuries such as subdural hemotoma, head injury, irreversible brain damage, blindness, retinal hemorrhage, eye damage, cerebral palsy, hearing loss, spinal cord injury, paralysis, seizures, learning disability, central nervous system injury, rib fracture, or death."

SECTION 3. The department of health shall submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of

the regular session of 2009. The report shall include:

- (1) Statistics on the number of hospitals, since this Act took effect, that have provided all parents of newborns with written educational information about the dangerous effects of shaken baby syndrome and the different methods of preventing shaken baby syndrome;
- (2) Statistics on the number of cases of shaken baby syndrome to see the results of providing this educational material to parents of newborns; and
- (3) Recommendations, including suggested legislation, on improving methods and policies necessary to provide for the safety of newborn children.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.