

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

Description:

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Keiki Caucus

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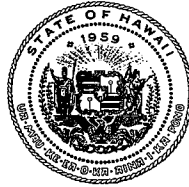
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HCR 25, Urging All Hospitals That Provide Medical Care To Newborns To Provide Parents Of The Newborn With Written Educational Information Approved By The Department Of Health About The Dangerous Effects Of Shaken Baby Syndrome And The Methods Of Preventing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

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

April 18, 2008, 1:15 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.

Testimony of
Phyllis Dendle
Director of Government Affairs

Before:
Senate Committee on Health
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair

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PREVENTING SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME**

Chairs, Vice Chairs, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 25 that requests hospitals to inform parents of the dangers of shaken baby syndrome.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports the intent of this request.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii inpatient perinatal services added child abuse prevention teaching for all parents starting in 2005. We use a handout called "Never Shake a Keiki" which we receive from Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. We also have a closed circuit television video we show called "Keiki's Promise." This education is documented in our Interdisciplinary Teaching Record --Childbearing Family in which we also document the communication of the care plan, when to call a nurse and the use of keiki passenger safety seats among other things.

We believe this activity fulfills the request of the legislature.

If that is the case it may not be necessary to require that all material distributed on this issue be created, identified and distributed by the Department of Health. As long as there are community resources in this area this task may be unnecessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

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