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# LATE Testimony

**Rep. John Mizuno, Chair**  
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**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Date:** Thursday, February 2, 2012

**Subject:** HB 2538, Relating to Exemptions from Child Care Licensing

HB 2538 would add exemptions for any kindergarten, school, or program licensed by the Charter School Review Panel, the Hawaii Council of Private Schools, or any federal agency from child care licensing by the Department of Human Services. HAEYC respectfully opposes this measure in its current form to the extent that it includes children birth through age 5 who receive child care subsidies. The Department of Human Services Child Care licensing process ensures basic health and safety for our youngest keiki.

HAEYC would like to continue to be a positive contributor to ongoing policy conversations about Hawaii's children. Our volunteers and staff would be happy to provide you more information to facilitate your decision-making. Please contact us at 942-4708 or [haeyc@hawaiihaeyc.org](mailto:haeyc@hawaiihaeyc.org).

HAEYC represents nearly 1,000 members who are early childhood development and educational professionals across the state.

*HAEYC's mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawaii's children (0-8) and their families.*

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