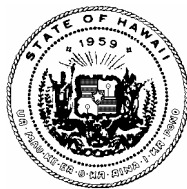


HB2539,HD1



STATE OF HAWAII
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March 27, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2539, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO ADULT ABUSE PERPETRATOR
CHECKS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 27, 2012; 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 2539, H.D.1 is to allow the Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct adult abuse perpetrator checks on child care providers who are exempt from licensing and registration pursuant to section 346-152, Hawaii Revised Statutes, who care for children that receive child care subsidies from the department, and on prospective applicants and licensed child care providers.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services strongly supports this Administration bill. DHS is responsible for ensuring the safety and health of children both in regulated settings such as licensed child care centers and for child care providers who care for children that receive child care subsidies from the Department.

This bill will allow the Department to conduct a more thorough check on the character of the individuals who are working directly with children in licensed and legally exempt settings by identifying individuals who have a history of maltreatment of vulnerable individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

From: Katherine Murphy, Executive Director
Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC)

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Subject: HB 2539 HD1, Relating to Adult Abuse Perpetrator Checks for Child Care Providers

HB 2539 HD1 would allow the Department of Human Services to conduct adult abuse perpetrator checks on providers, license exempt pursuant to section 346-152, Hawaii Revised Statutes, who care for children receiving child care subsidies from the department, applicants who want to operate a child care facility, prospective employees of the applicant, licensed child care providers, and new employees of the registered or licensed provider. HAEYC supports this measure.

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.

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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