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LATE Testimony

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012

Subject: **HB 2540, RELATING TO FEES FOR CHILD CARE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.**

House Bill 2540 would allow the Department of Human Services to charge reasonable fees to obtain a child care license or certificate of registration and establishes a special fund.

HAEYC supports the intent of this measure but would request that the purpose of the fees be defined in such a way as to ensure that they go toward furthering the provision of quality child care services and we would request that it be a nominal fee

HAEYC will continue to be a positive contributor to the state's efforts to ensure that Hawaii's families and young children will have access to quality child care/early learning services. 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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