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Subject: SB 2803 SD1, Relating to Childcare Contract Proposals

The Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) offers this testimony in **support** of SB 2803 SD1. This measure prohibits the performance of a contract for childcare, pursuant to chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than acceptance of a contract proposal, by any applicant who lacks an appropriate license. Requiring an applicant to have a license in order to submit a funding proposal ensures the quality of available childcare services.

HAEYC will continue to be a positive contributor to the state's transition to a true, comprehensive public/private early learning system. 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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