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The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representatives Oshiro and Lee, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 2821HD2 – RELATING TO MORTALITY REVIEW OF DEATHS OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB 2821 HD2**. The purpose of the bill is to create a new part in Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), giving the Department of Health (DOH) the authority to obtain all records for death review for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities (DD/ID).

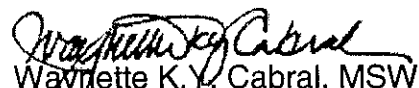
The Council is aware that current mortality reviews conducted by DOH DD Division are hampered by their inability to obtain information from other sources, such as service providers, hospital staff, and other entities that may be relevant to the death of an individual with DD/ID. This situation prevents DD Division to conduct a complete review to determine issues into the cause of death.

Passage of the bill would provide legal authority to gain access to necessary information; facilitate comprehensive mortality reviews; help to identify health, safety, and quality of life issues that may have contributed to any deaths, and prevent future situations that may have caused a death. Mortality review of deaths for individuals with DD/ID would be consistent with Child Death Reviews pursuant to Chapter 321, Part XXVII, HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of SB 2821 HD2**

Sincerely,


Liz Ann Salvador
Chair


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