



HILOPA'A ^{LATE}

Family to Family Health Information Center

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To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Joshua B. Green. M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence Nishimura, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: **SUPPORT** – SB2828 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII' I EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I offer testimony in support of SB2828 which seeks to align our Hawaii State Statute related to the HEICC (Hawai'i Early Intervention Coordinating Council). As an organization, Family Voices is national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

In 2004 Congress reauthorized the Individual with Disabilities Education and Improvement Act which mandated a new composition of the state mandated coordinating councils to better reflect the community it serves.

SB2828 aligns the federal requirements and adheres to the mandate as well as reflects our statewide community.

Thank you for your time and consideration in passing SB2828.