

SB 400

Measure Title: RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Report Title: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; Sudden Unexpected Infant Death; Safe Sleep Policy

Description: Requires child care facilities, family child care homes, group child care centers, group child care homes, and infant and toddler child care centers that care for children one year of age or younger to develop, maintain, and implement safe sleep policies to prevent sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome. Makes certain requirements of operators.

Companion: [HB398](#)

Package: Keiki

Current Referral: HMS/HTH, CPN

Introducer(s): GALUTERIA, CHUN OAKLAND, Baker, Ige, L. Thielen

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/18/2013	S	Introduced.
1/22/2013	S	Passed First Reading.
1/22/2013	S	Referred to HMS/HTH, CPN.
1/25/2013	S	The committee(s) on HMS/HTH has scheduled a public hearing on 01-30-13 2:05PM in conference room 229.
1/30/2013	S	The committee(s) on HTH recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in HTH were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Green, Baker, Chun Oakland; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Nishihara, Slom.
1/30/2013	S	The committee(s) on HMS deferred the measure until 01-31-13 9:45AM in conference room 229.
1/31/2013	S	The committee(s) on HMS recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in HMS were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Chun Oakland, Green, Taniguchi; Aye(s) with reservations: Senator(s) Slom ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Kidani.
2/5/2013	S	Reported from HMS/HTH (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 47) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading and referral to CPN.
2/5/2013	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading and referred to CPN.
2/15/2013	S	The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-20-13 9:30AM in conference room 229.

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February 20, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 400 - RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2013; 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 400 is to require child care facilities, family child care homes, group child care centers, group child care homes, and infant and toddler child care centers that care for children one year of age or younger to develop, maintain, and implement safe sleep policies to prevent sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome. Makes certain requirements of operators.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) acknowledges the efforts of the Legislature to seek measures to prevent the tragic deaths associated with sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome. However, we must respectfully oppose S.B. 400 as written which would legislate specific program requirements for regulated child care providers which can be addressed through administrative rules.

We respectfully request for your consideration the deletion of proposed sections (b) through (f). The DHS believes that this revision would allow for the DHS to

accommodate any changes to best practice and standards of care if these were in rules as opposed to statute. The body of knowledge related to sleep related deaths continues to grow as researchers continue to seek answers to sudden unexplained infant deaths.

Additionally, we propose the following amendment to the proposed section 346-

(a).

“(a) All child care facilities, which include family child care homes, group child care centers, and group child care homes, as those terms are defined in section 346-151, and infant and toddler child care centers, that are registered or licensed by the department to provide care for children one year of age or younger shall implement and maintain a written safe sleep policy in accordance with rules adopted by the department. The purpose of the safe sleep policy shall be to maintain a safe sleep environment that prevents the occurrence of sudden infant death syndrome and sudden unexpected infant deaths in children one year of age or younger.”

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

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February 19, 2013

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker
Honorable Brickwood Galuteria

From: Lin Joseph
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March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter

Re: In strong support of
SB400
Hearing: Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Wednesday, February 20, 2013 9:30am
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express support for SB 400, *which would require child care providers to develop, maintain and implement safe sleep policies for infants.*

For over 70 years, the March of Dimes has been a leader in maternal and child health. Our mission is to *improve the health of women of childbearing age, infants, and children by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.* March of Dimes is in the midst of a long-term Prematurity Campaign to increase public awareness of the problems of prematurity and to decrease the rate of premature birth worldwide

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the leading cause of death in babies between one month and one year old, and is most common among babies between two and four months old. Premature babies are at increased risk for SIDS. A study published in the January 2013 *Journal of Perinatology* found that extremely premature infants had a significantly higher risk of dying from SIDS than full term infants.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) reports that one in five SIDS deaths occurs while an infant is in the care of someone other than a parent. Many of these deaths happen when babies who are accustomed to sleeping on their backs at home are placed on their tummies for sleep by another caregiver. At the March of Dimes NICU Family Support Program at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children, we provide families with infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit the AAP's *Parent's Guide to Safe Sleep* that emphasizes "Tummy to Play and Back to Sleep." The guide also recommends that parents talk to their baby's caregivers about reducing the risk of SIDS through safe sleep.

Senate Bill 400 would ensure that all registered or licensed child care providers would have the policies in place to maintain safe sleep environments for infants in Hawaii. March of Dimes urges the Committees on Human Services and Health to pass SB 400.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2013

Testimony for CPN on Feb 20, 2013 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted on: 2/18/2013

Testimony for CPN on Feb 20, 2013 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joylin K L Domingo	Individual	Support	No