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Hearing Date
Monday February 10, 2014
10:01 am Conference Room 312

Relating to Family Child Care in Homes

Aloha Rep. Wooley and members of the committee,

Thank you for hearing on bill 2650 and for giving my family a opportunity to be heard.

Our names are Jeanne and Scott McKay, our son Jove has attend a wonderful family style home daycare in Makawao the last one and a half years. Having this service is instrumental in our lives as we both work full time and are so thankful for our child to have a loving provider in a safe rural environment. Scotts family has ranched on Maui for 125 years and he works for the cattle operations. I also work full time and my job takes me all over the island. We live in Kula and our daycare is in Makawao close to the ranch this gives me comfort knowing that our child is close to his fathers work not down in town. in case of one of us needing to get to him. We love that our sons daycare is small and on a beautiful piece of property where he gets to experience all the beauty our island has to offer as well as planting food and enjoying it with the other children they all get an understanding of how important this land is to us agriculturally

I have gone through the lengthy process of finding the right daycare for Jove and it is difficult there is not enough providers especially upcountry and to think of ours having to close would be devastating to our family financially and emotionally on the children , they have created home away from homes for our children to grow and learn.

My understanding is that the process of permitting and the taxes that will be imposed will shut down many of these day cares, These men and women do a great service to our community and our economy by allowing us to work. and knowing that our children are safe. please consider how many people will be affected by this bill not passing and giving these very important and Loving homes for our children to continue to operate.

Mahalo for your time,

Jeanne, Scott and Jove