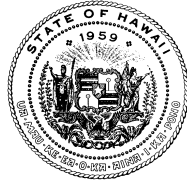


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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB1811  
RELATING TO HEALTH**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
REPRESENTATIVE DELLA BELATTI, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 16, 2016

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A

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3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) does not object to a palliative care working  
4 group but submits the following comments for consideration:

- 5 • Outside of urgent public health threats and similar issues, it is unusual for DOH to convene a  
6 working group to discuss community standards of care in medicine
- 7 • The working group is disproportionately represented by clinicians, neglecting the more  
8 comprehensive continuum of elder care including behavioral health, social services, religious or  
9 spiritual orders, etc.
- 10 • Trusted community advocates in palliative care such as Kokua Mau are notably absent
- 11 • The inclusion of Lanakila Meals on Wheels is curious
- 12 • Facility representation, such as long-term care entities and Critical Access Hospitals are not  
13 included

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15 As currently drafted with the emphasis on clinical care, the Legislature is urged to consider the  
16 University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine or similarly clinically focused entity to convene.  
17 Nevertheless, the department is prepared to participate in this vital community discussion.

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19 **Offered Amendments:** N/A

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Lucien Wong	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: With Hawaii's rapidly aging population resulting from the baby boom wave it is necessary for the state to prepare itself for services such as hospice, palliative care and end of life options which will be needed by resident seniors and other terminally ill patients before Hawaii's public & private medical facilities and services become seriously overwhelmed and/or inadequate. HB 1811 will prudently start the process by assembling experts in this field with the sole mission of making action recommendations to the Legislature in 2017. Thank you.

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I am in support of this bill, as an early childhood educator and a social worker I believe that personnel who regularly interact with children must be of good character, law abiding and fit to have responsibility for children. The state of Hawaii must ensure the health, safety and well-being of children and reduce the risk for child abuse and neglect in all Hawaii state programs and/or activities. Individuals who regularly interact with children under 18 years of age in a program should be required to undergo specific initial background checks and periodic re-verification. Anyone who is involved in any of the following: "child protective services (including the investigation of child abuse and neglect reports), social services, health and mental health care, child (day) care, education (whether or not directly involved in teaching), foster care, residential care, recreational or rehabilitative programs and detention, correctional, or treatment services.") must be subject of a thoroughly background investigation.

State agencies must enforce that childcare programs must provide child care services, and ensure that background check screening and checks are initiated, coordinated and tracked, and results are reviewed to identify whether they contain derogatory information.

I believe is the state is responsible to implement and require a background check screening process. Coordinating with different agencies such as: Local Civilian Law Enforcement checks, Child Care National Agency Check and Inquiries (CNACI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint (FP) checks for providers and any family members 18 and over.

Any child work related positions, should be by law required to follow a thoroughly process of background check screening and a process starts before they are hired/open for business. This screening process should include:

- a. A signed, written application;
- b. A careful review of the employment record;
- c. A check of personal and professional references and
- d. A personal interview

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**Testimony of John M. Knox in Support of HB1811 – Feb. 16, 2016  
Hawai'i State Legislature, House Committee on Human Services**

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Committee members. I'm John Knox, a socio-economic research consultant writing as a private citizen in favor of HB1811. Because I cannot be present Tuesday, I'll submit written testimony. You have a lot of written material to review, so I'll simply present a few pictures about what is at issue:



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3195669/Elderly-left-freezing-crying-agony-seven-hours-middle-night-watchdog-shuts-failing-care-home-safety-concerns.html>



<http://healthtidbitnews.blogspot.com/2012/09/should-cancer-patients-suffer-from-pain.html>



<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/77784/Anastacias-cancer-hell.html>

The elderly (and I guess I'm part of that now) is the fastest-growing age group in your constituency. The development of a strategic plan to address health care concerns and needs – especially end-of-life choices – for Hawai'i's kūpuna makes a great deal of sense. Thank you for your attention.

Edward Thompson, III

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