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February 23, 2016

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: SB 2317 SD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 9:50 a.m., Room 211

Position: SUPPORT

The Hawaii State Democratic Caucus writes in support of SB 2317 SD1 Relating to Health. Deaths of a child or a pregnant woman are sentinel events that require proper investigations to understand the underlying causes and opportunities for prevention. The mortality reviews identify missed opportunities and remediable factors in cases of child and maternal deaths.

Hawaii is one of only 13 states without a multi-disciplinary professional panel to review pregnancy-related deaths. Maternal mortality rates are increasing and up to 50% of all maternal deaths may be preventable. We know that review panels work to reverse these bad outcomes. Findings from review panels guide the creation of treatment protocols, education campaigns and standardization of pregnancy care.

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this important healthcare measure.

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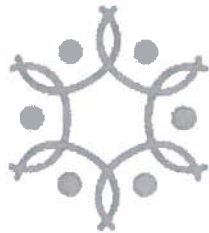
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Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and committee members, The Hawaii Women's Coalition continues to support the creation of a maternal mortality review panel. Mahalo, Ann S. Freed Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition

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From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **SB 2317 SD1 – Relating to Health - Support**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211 – February 23, 2016, 9:50 A.M.

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), formerly Good Beginnings Alliance, we are writing in support of SB 2317 SD1, Relating to Health.

HCAN is committed to improving lives and being a strong voice advocating for Hawai'i's children. Last fall, HCAN convened input in person and online from more than 50 organizations and individuals that came forward to support or express interest for a number of issues affecting children and families in our state that resulted in the compilation of 2016 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2016policyagenda>.

SB 2317 SD1 would authorize an appropriation for and establish a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel within the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal deaths that have occurred in this state.

Hawaii is one of 13 states not conducting maternal mortality reviews; and as of 2013, is one of only two states not conducting Child Death Reviews. Up to 50 percent of maternal mortality is preventable and 75 percent of child deaths in Hawaii were found to be preventable.

The lack of mortality reviews for maternal and child deaths are missed opportunities to remedy the causes by taking preventative actions to educate our community. Securing data on the causes helps to address and prevent unnecessary deaths from happening.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee vote to pass this bill.

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Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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