



Hawaii
Children's Action Network
Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

January 23, 2017

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

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

Re: **SB 20 – Relating to Child Care**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016, January 23, 2017, 2:45 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support the intent of SB 20 – Relating to Child Care.

HCAN is committed to building a unified voice advocating for Hawaii's children by improving their safety, health, and education. 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 2017 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2017policyagenda>.

HCAN believes that providing a safe environment for children to sleep in while in a child care setting is vital. HCAN has been working with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to updated their administrative rules to address this issue.

SB 21 addresses the Safe Sleep policies for children under age one, yet does not address the rules developed by DHS for children over age one. This bill should be expanded to better match the administrative rules developed by DHS.

In addition to the administrative rules and this bill, there should be a companion community education program to help educate families in addition to the child care workers on safe sleep practices for children.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee consider the content of this bill further.

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Testimony for HMS on Jan 23, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 016

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Comments: I am the grandmother of one of the three babies who tragically died. Having a measure like SB20 could have saved their lives. Please do not fail the babies of Hawaii. This measure can safeguard their lives.

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