



February 22, 2017

To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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

Re: **SB 21 SD 1 – Relating to Child Care**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016, February 23, 2017, 9:15 AM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to SUPPORT the intent of SB 21 SD 1 – Relating to Child Care.

HCAN supports the intention to provide safe, regulated child care. We also encourage legislators to help state departments provide programs that provide incentives for child care facilities to meet guidelines, not just penalties for violations. These might include programs such as providing smoke detectors, instead of just fining a facility for not having adequate smoke detectors.

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

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>.

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Martha Cheng	Individual	Support	No

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ksapungay	Individual	Comments Only	No

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