

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

January 31, 2017

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
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Re: **SB 405 – Relating to Early Intervention**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229, February 1, 2017, 9:00 AM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to strongly support SB 405 – Relating to Early Intervention.

HCAN supports the intention to develop an electronic system to track and monitor the progress of early intervention services for infants and toddlers who have a developmental delay or at biological risk for developmental delays.

By providing a system that can track the services and progress of each child being served, better coordinated services need to be provided to help generate better outcomes for the children and families, such as improvements in verbal abilities and overall cognitive performance as well as community benefits such as fewer arrests and lower school dropout rates. Many of these children and their families will require a lifetime of care and support.

The current tracking system is paper-based, outdated, and lacks web-based capability for retrieving/updating real-time data, accessibility from multiple locations, and generating reports and billing. Web-based systems have become the norm around the country, currently 34 states have implemented them.

To be able to coordinate statewide the 20 service providers and approximately 3,500 children each year receiving services, a web-based system is vital for efficiency and delivery of quality services.

For these reasons, [REDACTED]

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 Hawaii Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2017policyagenda>.

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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony on SB 405 – Relating to Early Intervention

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

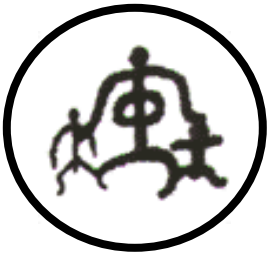
My name is Micah Kāne and I serve as the chair of the board of Transform Hawaii Government (THG), a coalition of organizations and individuals who believe in improving government for every citizen for every service on every island. THG works to ensure that the benefits of the State of Hawaii's business transformation and information technology modernization initiative ("the transformation") are fully realized. Our members, who are from all corners of the state, are united in the belief that there are opportunities for everyone to support better state government.

We recognize the state Legislature for its pivotal role in this transformation and we support transformation in its many forms – from improvements to the state's information technology infrastructure including more robust cybersecurity; to improvements in the state's business processes including improving access to services, making services more user-friendly, speeding up transactions when residents do business with the state, making state government more transparent, and providing up-to-date and accurate data for better decision-making.

Therefore, we are writing in support of SB 405, relating to Early Intervention. This measure would appropriate funds for the procurement of, and maintenance and training for, a web-based data system in the Department of Health's early intervention section. We believe that this measure is an important step toward government that is more open, transparent and responsive to citizens which aligns with our goals for the transformation.

We look forward to helping to promote streamlining, integrating and delivering government services that exceed the expectations of the public and the needs of Hawaii's communities. And we seek opportunities to work together to achieve our state's transformation goals.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our support for the transformation.



HAWAI'I EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Date: January 31, 2017

To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

From: Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo, Chair - Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council

Re: SUPPORT – S.B. 405 RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION
Hearing date – February 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

On behalf of the Hawaii Early Intervention Section Coordinating Council (HEICC), I submit this testimony in **support** of S.B. 405, which proposes an appropriation for the procurement of, and maintenance and training for, a web-based data system in the Department of Health, Early Intervention Section. HEICC is the federally mandated advisory council in Hawaii for the services and programs defined in the Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

S.B. 405 makes an appropriation for a web-based data system to replace the current antiquated system that lacks the web-based capability for real-time access to data. Real-time data supports the ability to increase efficiencies and quality of EI services by streamlining processes.

More importantly, the proposed data system will support children/families in receiving timely early intervention services that are needed to support the child's development. A web-based data system will provide the following:

- A complete child record in a single data system.
- Reports that will identify services that are coming due or past due for individual children by program and EI specialists. This information will assist in ensuring mandated services are provided in accordance to IDEA, Part C.
- A tracking function of early intervention services for each child that will support multiple aspects of operations (e.g., Medicaid reimbursements, accounts payable for services delivered, statewide monitoring, etc.).
- An electronic method that supports statewide annual monitoring of EI services by an external EIS team. This method will provide an efficient and effective processes that minimize review of paper records onsite at each EI program and allow for more frequent or timely monitoring.

It is for all the children and families receiving early intervention services that the HEICC supports this measure. Thank you for your time and consideration.