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Testimony COMMENTING on S.B.522 S.D.1
RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES
REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: March 22, 2017

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None to the Department of Health. The Department defers to the
2 Department of Human Services on fiscal implications of S.B 522, S.D. 1.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) appreciates the intent of this bill
4 and offers comments.

5 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports there were 3,700 sudden
6 unexpected infant deaths in the United States in 2015. These deaths occurred among infants less
7 than one year old and had no immediate obvious cause. The three most common reported causes
8 of unexpected infant deaths are: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, unknown cause, and accidental
9 suffocation and strangulation in bed. The CDC identified several actions that parents and
10 caregivers can take to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Sudden Unexpected
11 Infant Death. These include placing babies on their back when putting them to sleep, using a firm
12 mattress with a fitted sheet, keeping soft objects out of the baby's sleep area, sharing your room
13 but not sharing your bed with your baby, and not smoking during pregnancy or around the baby.

14 In Hawaii, the DOH, Family Health Services Division reviews hospital policies related to safe
15 sleep education for parents. Also, the DOH promotes the American Academy of Pediatrics
16 guidelines of safe sleep when providing home visits with families. The DOH participates as a
17 member of Safe Sleep Hawaii which provides statewide leadership in preventing infant deaths
18 through educating parents, caregivers, teachers and health care providers on safe sleep practices
19 following the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. The Safe Sleep partnership includes:
20 State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Department of

1 Education, Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and
2 Children, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and other agencies and advocates.

3 As members of Safe Sleep Hawaii, the Department of Health and the Department of
4 Human Services partner to combine resources and promote safe sleep education and practices to
5 reduce and/or eliminate preventable infant injuries and premature death. In February 2017, DOH
6 and DHS attended the National Institute for Children’s Health Quality (NICHQ) Infant Mortality
7 Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Networks (CoIIN) conference. The purpose of this
8 national meeting was to develop strategies for strengthening existing, and building new,
9 partnerships to accelerate improvement and to facilitate state progress on actions to reduce infant
10 mortality.

11 Other accomplishments of Safe Sleep Hawaii include: 1) The Parent Line, a DOH
12 contracted statewide confidential telephone line for information and referral on child behavior,
13 child development, parenting, caregiver support, and community resources; and 2) Distribution
14 of cardboard bassinets to parents of newborns. The cardboard bassinets have been handed out to
15 new parents for decades in Finland, which has one of the lowest infant mortality rates in the
16 world. Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children is participating in a pilot project that
17 will provide safe sleep education and cardboard bassinet boxes that encourage safe sleeping for
18 babies to parents and caregivers.

19 The Department’s Strategic Plan 2015-2018, identified one of its priorities to address
20 conditions contributing to child deaths. The DOH Child Death Review conducts comprehensive
21 and multidisciplinary reviews of children from 0-18 years to understand risk factors. The reviews
22 focus on prevention and provides recommendations to prevent future deaths to keep children safe
23 and healthy. The Child Death Review group completed multidisciplinary reviews of Sudden
24 Infant Death Syndrome and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death cases from August 2016 through
25 December 2016. On March 1, 2017, safe sleep recommendations resulting from the reviews was
26 presented to the Child Death Review Council, a group that is responsible for identifying agencies
27 that will develop action plans for implementation. Follow up actions include: a start time for the

1 distribution of the baby boxes bassinets at Kapiolani Medical Center within a two week period
2 for all families that are interested in participating in the safe sleep training and trying the
3 bassinets. Hawaii Island arranged for a community presentation—including first responders
4 (police and fire departments) and DOH staff—to provide information about safe sleep practices.
5 Additionally, for Hawaii Island, training on child death review data collection methods will be
6 scheduled to ensure proper tracking of the facts presented during the reviews.

7 We acknowledge the important efforts of the Department of Human Services and look
8 forward to continue working together on promoting safe sleep practices and fostering healthy
9 children and families.

10 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

March 20, 2017

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

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

Re: **SB 522 SD 1 – Relating to Human Services**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329, March 22, 2017, 9:30 AM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support the intent of SB 522 SD 1 – Relating to Human Services

HCAN believes that providing a safe environment for children to sleep in while in a childcare setting is vital. HCAN has been working with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to update their administrative rules to address this issue. These new rules were just adopted in February.

SB 522 SD 1 addresses the Safe Sleep policies for children under age one, yet does not address children over age one. This bill should be expanded to better match the administrative rules adopted 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 add the safe sleep requirements for children over age one to be consistent with the Department of Human Services.

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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ayesha genz	Individual	Support	No

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Yvonne Rodgers	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Rebecca Delafield	Individual	Support	No

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William Haines	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident of Hawaii, born and raised on Maui. I support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child. Thank you, William Haines

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Leah Laramee	Individual	Support	No

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Krista Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a soon-to-be mom of twins and resident of Kamuela on Hawaii's Big Island, I support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Kelly Kozar	Individual	Support	No

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william muir	Individual	Support	No

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Ben Trevino	Individual	Support	No

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Andrea Jani	Individual	Support	No

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Craig Nelson	Individual	Support	No

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emily king	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Connolly	Individual	Comments Only	No

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afsheen siddiqi	Individual	Support	No

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Adam Dorr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Karen Carpenter	Individual	Support	No

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Katie Flanagan	Individual	Support	No

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corrina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB511 the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post all records relating to state licensed child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints on a public website. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity critically review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis. I also support the formation of an oversight committee to weigh in on issues relating to day care policy, oversight, and compliance.

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Jim Hayden	Individual	Support	No

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Kimberly Fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Kristen Teranishi	Individual	Support	No

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Josh Atwood	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Koehler	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Cianciola	Individual	Support	No

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Marilyn King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this measure. Requiring safe sleep policies and training for caregivers can save lives. Please protect Hawaii's babies.

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Subject: Submitted testimony for SB522 on Mar 22, 2017 09:30AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Wurtz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Wendy Umipeg-Wurtz	Individual	Support	No

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Marlyn Jane	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Richardson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: Hawaii State Senators From: Michael Richardson / 2241 Noah St. Honolulu Date: March 21, 2017 My name is Michael Richardson, a resident of Hawaii, parent of 4 young children, and active voter. I am writing in strong support of SB522. I strongly support the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child. Sincerely, Michael Richardson, Hawaii Resident and Active Voter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Montgomery & Anita Manning	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child. As the sister of a baby who was saved from crib death by an alert father, this is particularly important to Anita. Babies should be checked frequently while sleeping.

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Jesse Eiben	Individual	Support	No

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corey cherry	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie M. Joe	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noelani Takayesu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Noelani Takayesu and I am a mother of a young daughter and I am expecting another daughter in April of this year. As a mother, I have spent hours researching how to keep my child safe in my home and follow the safe sleeping policies within my home to maintain the safety and security of my child. When entrusting another caregiver with my child, there is an expectation that a childcare provider that is licensed by the Department of Human Services would be expected to follow safes sleeping policies to maintain the safety of children within their care. I have tragically become aware of this omission in our laws based on the deaths of three infants while in the care of licensed childcare providers in our state within the last few years and thus adamantly support SB522. The loss of the young lives of Wiley King, Triton Forsyth and Zoe Wurtz is too great to allow SB522 to fall by the wayside, SB522 is a common sense approach to mitigate the dangers of unsafe sleeping practices in childcare settings. Thank you for your time and support of our most precious gift, the keiki of Hawaii.

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Marlon	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Prior	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Leslirose Agonias	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie Benson	Individual	Support	No

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Derrick Apilado	Individual	Support	No

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Martha Cheng	Individual	Support	No

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Daniel Rubinoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Following safe sleep practice should be a no brainer, how can this actually be something we have to discuss?

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Nicole Atwood	Individual	Support	No

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Wendy Meguro	Individual	Support	No

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Christine Umipeg-Apilado	Individual	Support	No

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John Vetter	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Royer	Individual	Support	No

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David Sischo	Individual	Support	No

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Cynthia King	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I strongly support SB522. The importance of putting infants to sleep on their backs has been clear for decades. Compared with back sleeping, stomach sleeping increases the risk of SIDS by 1.7 to 12.9 times. It is why the “Back to Sleep” campaign was launched in the U.S. in 1994, and the Safe to Sleep campaign was re-launched in 2013. Furthermore, unsafe sleep environments increase the risk of accidental suffocation.

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Dawn Hegger-Nordblom	Individual	Support	No

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Paul Krushelnycky	Individual	Support	No

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Rosemary Malvey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a parent and a grandparent I support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Carl Meyer	Individual	Support	No

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Marlyn Jane	Individual	Support	No

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Melanie Hutchinson	Individual	Support	No

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Melissa Dean	Individual	Support	No

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george fujita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB522

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Testimony for HUS on Mar 22, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eko Lapp	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Eko Lapp and I am a mother of 3. I support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Good morning, I cannot access the capitol.gov website this morning, and am submitting my support via email. My name is Christina Leopold, and I am a Puna resident and active voter. I am writing in support of SB 21 SB521, and SB 522.

Please accept my testimony when considering this bill. I would be happy to share a personal story involving my child, and why these bills are so important to protecting keiki across the state if that would further persuade you. Feel free to contact me.

Mahalo, Christina Leopold

SB21

I am writing in strong support of SB21, which would increase civil penalties and establish felony charges for State licensed day care providers who violate day care laws and endanger, injure or cause the death children. This law is necessary to protect the lives and well-being of our keiki in the care of others.

SB511

I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post all records relating to state licensed child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints on a public website. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity critically review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis. I also support the formation of an oversight committee to weigh in on issues relating to day care policy, oversight, and compliance.

SB522

I support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child.

On Thu, Mar 16, 2017 at 8:20 AM, Christina Leopold <christinarleopold@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning, I cannot access the capitol.gov website, and am submitting my support via email. My name is Christina Leopold, and I am a Puna resident and active voter. I am writing in support of SB 185, and SB 748.

Please accept my testimony when considering this bill. I would be happy to share a personal story involving my child, and why these bills are so important to protecting keiki.

Mahalo, Christina Leopold

SB185 - I strongly support the proposed requirement that all providers must obtain and maintain liability insurance as a condition of licensure, temporary permission, or registration to operate a child care facility.

SB748 - I strongly support this measure which would require the Dept. of Human Services to post records of complaints and results of investigations relating to child care providers, as well as prepare a report to the legislature with this same detailed information each year. Parents must have the

ability to critically evaluate those who are caring for their children, and lawmakers must be provided with accurate information about how care is being provided, and how oversight and enforcement are functioning.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marisa Callaghan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Kamal Kapadia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB522 with the proposed requirement for all child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, draft and adhere to safe sleep policy which meets national safety standards, and promptly report the death of any child. I write as a mother of a 6-year old child--when my son was younger, I always worried about whether my child was safe in his childcare facility. But also, I speak as a mother of another child who died suddenly, though not due to childcare negligence. I understand the terrible anguish of loss, and I urge you to make child care in this state safer so that no parent should ever have to experience the extreme pain and grief that can result from negligence and/or malfeasance.

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SB522

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clarice	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Unfortunately I can't attend in person due to prior scheduled work related travel. I would like to start off by introducing myself. I am the mother of Triton Forsyth who passed away while in the care of a State licensed child care provider on June 24, 2014. Although it's too late for Wiley, Triton and Zoe; I want to ensure no other family needs to go through the pain that our families suffer. Putting infants to sleep on their back has been a known to reduce the risk of SIDS for decades now and you would think it is common sense to put a baby to sleep on their back in a crib or playpen with no pillows, stuffed animals or anything that could cause them to get caught up, suffocate or overheat. In 2013 there was a bill that was introduced to the Hawaii State Legislature that would have required licensed day care providers to put infants under the age of one to sleep on their backs, and to take required annual training for day care providers. The Department of Human Services opposed this measure, on the grounds that the policy should be implemented through the administrative rule making process. As a result, the legislature passed a modified version of the bill which encouraged DHS to draft a safe sleep policy, but did not require it. It has been four years and Wiley, Triton and Zoe have passed away while waiting for something to be implemented while under the care of State licensed day care providers. There may be more babies out there that have passed away, but these are the babies I am aware of. I have two older daughters Rhiannon age 7 and Kaitlynn age 6. When we were expecting our first born I went in search of a babysitter. I work full time along with my husband and my parents worked full time jobs as well. So we were not fortunate to have our family watch our babies. It took me months to find our first sitter. She couldn't have grandchildren of her own, so she did this because she was passionate about babies and this was her way of filling that void in her life. Due to unforeseen circumstances she passed away when Kaitlynn was 2 years old. At that time I was fortunate to have the ability to send her to Preschool, rather than looking for another babysitter. A couple years passed and we were blessed to have been pregnant with Triton. When we found out it was a boy my husband was ecstatic, as any father would be to have a son. I went in search of a new babysitter. It took months interviewing over 20 licensed caregivers and not finding any of them fitting the needs of my baby. I then came across Tritons sitter who was licensed and cared for children for over 15 years. I thought since she was licensed that meant she knew about safe sleep practices and had training on how to

care for infants and toddlers, but after Triton passed away I found out that was not true. They are not trained on how to care for infants to ensure safe sleep practices or to have mandatory safe sleep classes annually. In addition there was nothing in the law that we could hold her accountable for killing our son because it was “an accident”. Which in our eyes it was nothing short of neglect. It was such a shock to us that there was nothing we could do to get justice for our son. No one helps you through next steps either. We just had to research and guess what next steps to take. The day this all happened, it was my second day back to work and I got the call no parent ever wants to receive. I got a call from a police officer who advised me to go to Queen’s Medical West regarding my son Triton. I asked what happen and he said that he would explain when I got there and to please drive safely. It was the longest drive of my life thinking what may have happened and telling myself don’t think bad thoughts, it may just be a bad cut/bruise. When I got there the nurse would not tell me what happen and at that moment I knew he was gone and something horrible happened. They took me into a private room and told me that he was found by the babysitter upstairs on a comforter folded into quarters face down and that she went to check on him an hour after putting him down and he was sleeping; then went back up an hour later to find him unresponsive with blood coming out of his nose. She then called 911 and administered CPR until Emergency Services arrived. My two daughters were in school and my husband was on a business trip in Alaska. They called my mom and asked that she pick up my daughters and come to the hospital because it was almost the time they needed to be picked up before getting charged for picking them up late. She didn’t want them to see him in the hospital and was going to stop by and then go and pick them up. She called the school and they were willing to watch the girls although it was almost past the time we were supposed to pick them up. After seeing my son for the last time and saying our prayers, we left the hospital and my mom went to pick up the girls and I went home to get some things to sleep at her house. When they got home my older daughter came bursting through the door and said “Triton! Where are you Triton? (Looking in his playpen and running upstairs to look in his crib) Is he hiding from us? Where is he?” I sat them down to let them know that Triton was in heaven with the angels. I fully support the proposal to require all child care facilities, for children under one year of age be required to place babies on their backs for sleeping, establishing notice and annual training requirements should have been implemented back in 2013. If this was put into place back then there is a possibility that Wiley, Triton and Zoe would still be here with us today. Although it is too late for our babies, making a safe sleep policy which is in line with federal guidelines into State law will prevent the needless deaths of any other precious baby. If we do not put this law into place precious babies will continue to be at risk. Clarice Forsyth

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A safe sleeping environment saves infants' lives. When the American Academy of Pediatrics started making safe sleep recommendations, SIDS rates declined. All babies should have a safe sleeping environment (put to sleep on their back, on a firm sleeping surface, without soft bedding), so that they have the best chance of surviving their first year.

I am the mother of two children. My husband and I both work full-time, so our children were in daycare when they were little. We were lucky that our daycare insisted on a safe sleeping environment for babies. **ALL families should have access to childcare that provides a safe sleeping environment for their babies.** We are entrusting our most precious, vulnerable members of our community with licensed caregivers -- and providing a safe sleeping environment should be an absolute requirement to be licensed to care for an infant. SB21, SB511, and SB522 will help make sure that licensed caregivers understand and follow these basic and crucially important principles of safe childcare, that caregivers that fail to provide this basic necessity will be held accountable, and that parents can make informed choices for their children. SB21, SB511, and SB522 will help save babies' lives.

My dear friend's son died when he was four months old. He was in the care of a childcare provider licensed by the state of Hawaii -- a childcare provider who promised (but did not provide) a safe sleeping environment for him. That provider lied when she said she would provide a safe sleeping environment for this sweet baby, and she lied about the circumstances of his death in her care. She then continued to take on childcare responsibilities for other babies and children. If SB21, SB511, and SB522 had been in effect, she and her staff would have had information about the importance of providing a safe sleeping environment, she would have had to certify that she would provide one, there would have been penalties for her failure to do so, and other parents would have known about this terrible event when they were making a childcare decision for their own babies. It is the most terrible, incomprehensible tragedy that this wonderful child is not with us today. Please, Hawaii legislators, do not allow this to happen to another baby. Please make sure that every licensed caregiver in the state has to provide a safe sleeping environment for infants.

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Melissa Jones	Individual	Support	No

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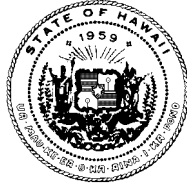
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jeff muir	Individual	Support	No

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March 22, 2017

TO: The Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 522 SD1 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) acknowledges the efforts of the Legislature, community members, and advocates to seek measures to prevent the tragic deaths associated with sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome. DHS has addressed these concerns, and pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, promulgated amended administrative rules, effective February 24, 2017. Consequently, we provide comments that the measure as drafted is no longer necessary, and respectfully request that the measure be deferred.

PURPOSE: The purpose of SB 522 SD1 is to strengthen the safe sleep policy for child care facilities for children one year of age, including requiring placement of children on their backs for sleeping and establishing notice and annual training requirements; requires such facilities to report death of such a child, employee, or household member, within one day of occurrence, to DHS. The Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Ways and Means amended the measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to clarify that a safe sleep policy shall require each child care facility to ensure that any child less than one year of age is placed on the child's

back to sleep, unless written instructions are on file at the child care facility from a healthcare practitioner indicating an alternate sleep position;

- (2) Inserting the term “provider” to replace the term “operator” in regard to referencing a child care facility;
- (3) Deleting language that required DHS to conduct safe sleep training and replacing it with language that:
 - a. Requires all employees, household members, and volunteers of a child care facility to complete upon hire, and annually thereafter, training in safe sleep practices that is approved by DHS; and
 - b. Requires each child care facility to maintain a record of trainings completed;
- (4) Inserting language to specify that every child care facility shall report to DHS, within one working day of occurrence, the death of a child, employee, or household member, and any illness or injury received at the child care facility that results in a child’s hospitalization.

The primary focus of the DHS child care licensing program is on the health and safety of all children in child care. On January 4, 2017, the department issued the proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §17-891.1 Registration of Family Child Care Homes and §17-895 Licensing of Infant and Toddler Child Care Centers. The public hearing for the proposed rules occurred on February 6, 2017. Written comments and oral testimony were provided at the public hearing. The comments and testimony received were given full consideration by DHS prior to the adoption of the amended rules, which are effective February 24, 2017.¹

The adopted rules for registered family child care homes and licensed infant and toddler child care centers address the concerns of the Legislature and community advocates. These amendments to the administrative rules address the legislative proposals found in Section 1, subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of the bill. The rule amendments are also more comprehensive than the changes included in the proposed bill.

¹ See the amended rules at: <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/17-891.1-FCC-homes-amendments.pdf>

DHS respectfully requests that the measure be deferred or that the proposed sections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this bill be deleted, since all of the proposed amendments are addressed in the Department's administrative rules. If these proposed changes are made part of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, any subsequent changes to the safe sleep requirements would need to have statutory amendments. As the body of knowledge related to sleep related deaths advances, the administrative rule process allows DHS to accommodate any changes to best practices and standards of care that may occur in the future; if suggested changes are promulgated in statute, new legislation would be required to address changing practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2017
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 329



Re: SB522SD1

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Chair Todd, and members of the committee:

I am in support of SB522SD1, which aims to strengthen the safe sleep policy for child care facilities for children less than one year of age, including requiring placement of children on their backs for sleeping and establishing notice and annual training requirements.

As a working mother of two children, including one under age 2, I understand the anxiety and difficulty to find affordable, quality child care facility in our state. I am with parents who support the bill and emphasize the importance of such policy requirements.

I've read testimonies from previous hearings in the Senate. I notice there is lack of voice from one of major stakeholders, child care providers. I've talked to my child care provider, a state licensed family-based care. Children and parents in this family child care home call her auntie. She said that she is in strong support of any policy which will strengthen the safety of our children. She will take the training and discuss the safe sleep policy with parents. At the same time, we talked about busy schedules of child care providers, formats and types of training that will be most helpful.

Hence, I'd like to share that there are many child care providers who are committed and affectionate for providing love and care to our children. Their care and services help working parents with young children balance the responsibility of family and work. I'd urge the committee to consider not only make training requirements, but provide support, such as accessible training and educational resources, for child care facilities and providers.

I also have a separate comment on the item e. which requires such facilities to report death of a child, employee, or household member, within one day of occurrence, to DHS. Report death of such child is related to the nature of this bill, but other reporting requirements seem not. I am in support of promptly report the death of such child.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please pass this bill.

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