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February 1, 2017

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 684 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 1, 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. We are listening to the concerns of our community and continue to examine how to improve our systems to be more efficient and effective in serving Hawai'i's children. However, while we agree with the measure's intent, we respectfully oppose HB 684 as drafted; DHS is currently addressing these changes through the amendment of administrative rules pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of HB 684 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 to DHS.

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 is scheduled for February 6, 2017. Written comments may be submitted to DHS by February 6, 2017 or oral testimony may be provided at the public hearing for Oahu residents and via teleconference for Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui residents at one of the DHS office sites. DHS welcomes your feedback and the public's feedback on the proposed rule amendments. Here is the link to the proposed rule changes on the DHS website:

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/admin-rules-2/proposed-rules/>.

The existing administrative rules in conjunction with the proposed amendments to the 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 proposed amendments to the administrative rules address the legislative proposals found in Section 1, subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of the bill. The proposed rule amendments are also more comprehensive than the changes included in the proposed bills.

Administratively, DHS does not anticipate any additional costs to the department to implement the proposed rule amendments as the DHS child care licensing staff enforce current safe sleep requirements under the existing administrative rules.

As to training, in subsection (d) of the measure requires the operator and employees to complete training and that DHS shall conduct the training. Currently, DHS does not conduct trainings on safe sleep practices, but contracts these training services. The proposed administrative rules include an annual training requirement and DHS approval of the safe sleep training to be completed by child care caregivers, employees, and volunteers.

Low-cost training is currently available through community agencies, on-line or in-person. DHS also contracts training services offered on a voluntary basis for anyone working with children, including family child care providers, those interested in becoming family child care providers, employees at preschools, and parents. Staff at infant and toddler child care centers already complete 45 hours of training on infant and toddler development that include reviewing safe sleep practices.

DHS notes that the existing HAR §17-891.1-6 and §17-895-6 address the requirement for family child care homes and infant and toddler centers review their written policies with each parent or guardian at the time of enrollment of the child in the respective programs.

Further, DHS prefers that the changes are made through administrative rules versus by statute. As the body of knowledge related to sleep related deaths advances, the administrative rule process will allow 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. DHS is willing to work with the Chair and members of the committee to find the best path forward. We all have the same interest protecting the health, safety, and well-being of Hawaii's children.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on these bills.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jim Hayden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Three infants have died in the last three years in daycare facilities. These deaths could have easily been avoided with proper education and regulation. We all have a responsibility to protect the keiki.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
afsheen siddiqi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Katherine Thompson	Individual	Support	No

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January 30, 2017

RE: SUPPORT FOR HB684

Dear Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee on Human Services,

Please pass this bill to amend Ch. 346-152.7, HRS, which will both educate parents and childcare providers and create a requirement that will save infant lives. Safe sleep policies are an effective and simple way to prevent unnecessary deaths of our keiki.

Mahalo,

Emma Yuen  
1350 Ala Moana Blvd, Apt 1209  
Honolulu, HI 96814

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Stephanie Benson	Individual	Support	No

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FROM: Jesse Owens, Honolulu HI

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services

SUBJECT: Support HB684

I support this bill because unsafe sleep conditions and positions for infants is an easily preventable hazard that can cause sudden infant death syndrome. It should be a requirement for everyone commercially providing childcare.

Thank you.

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erica jordan	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Josh Atwood	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: HB684 would establish a statutory safe sleep policy, including a requirement for child care facility operators to place children one year of age or younger on the child's back for sleeping. This measure would also require facility operators to discuss this policy with parents, and complete annual or biennial training. I strongly support this measure. Placing an infant on its back for sleep is widely recognized as the safest way to minimize risks associated with sleep hazards and Sudden Infants Death Syndrome (SIDS). Multiple recent infant deaths in Hawaii have highlighted the lack of a uniform sleep policy and lack of training on this topic to Hawaii's child care facility operators. A statutory policy and required periodic training will reduce the risk of future infants deaths among Hawaii's most vulnerable residents. In Hawaii, the cost of living often dictates that both parents must work full time, making infant child care a necessity for many local families. Entrusting a child care facility operator with the health and well-being of our children is one of the most difficult parts of being a parent, and we rely on regulations, trainings, inspections, and penalties by the State of Hawaii to ensure that the child care system to which we entrust our keiki is as safe as possible. I understand that the Hawaii Department of Human Services is working on an administrative rule update that includes a safe sleep policy, though it has taken over five years for this rule update to be published for public comment. While I appreciate the Department's action in developing rules, I strongly believe that a statutory requirement for safe sleep actions, and periodic training, is necessary to ensure that this issue is properly addressed in a timely manner. I urge you to pass the statutory measures this session, allowing the Department to implement complementary rules later this year.

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Sally Askins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Jason Askins	Individual	Support	No

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Christine Umipeg-Apilado	Individual	Support	No

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Eko Lapp	Individual	Support	No

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Kimberly Fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Adam Dorr	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The nationwide "Back to Sleep" campaign (now "Safe to Sleep") have been extremely effective in saving lives. I therefore 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Sheetal Fisher	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Royer	Individual	Support	No

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Jem Mendenilla	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Strengthens the safe sleep policy for child care facilities for children less than one year of age.

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Michelle Gorham	Individual	Support	No

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corey cherry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Parents leaving their Infants should be secure in knowing at the very least their child is in a safe sleeping position. I support this measure

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I support HB684 - Strengthens the safe sleep policy for child care facilities for children less than one year of age.

Babies under the age of 12 months should be properly put to sleep and not in the position that is life threatening. They are not able to speak and tell what is wrong. It is the responsibility of the care giver to provide a safe, comfortable, free from dangers place to sleep. They should have documented training of putting an infant to 9 years old to sleep properly.

After proper training, at the first offense of improperly putting the baby to sleep the care givers should be given a fine. The second offense a bigger fine a suspension of their license for 30 or more days and to be retrained. The third offense their licenses to be taken away and pay \$100,000 fine. If a baby is dies within any offense or any time there should be jail time, license taken away, pay a \$100,000 fine, and register as a child offender.

To lose a child in a preventable way is unnecessary and should never happen.

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Edith Adkins	Individual	Support	No

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jeff muir	Individual	Support	No

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Cynthia King	Individual	Support	Yes

I strongly support HB684. 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.

In 2013 a bill 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 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’s been four years and no safe sleep policies have been implemented. It has been four years, and babies have been dying in State licensed day cares as a result of unsafe sleep practices. There have been at least three deaths that I am aware of. My son Wiley was one of those babies. He was just shy of 4 months old when I came back from maternity leave to my position at DLNR in February 2014. My husband and I chose a State licensed day care provider because we believed that licensed providers were the most responsible option, the safest option.

Yet, on my fourth day back at work, I received the call that every parent fears. Something happened to Wiley. My husband and I were told to go to Kapiolani Hospital. It was there that we watched him die. Days later the babysitter told us Wiley was awake in her arms when it happened. However she told EMS first responders, and they documented in their incident report, that Wiley was put down for a nap, unattended. If he had been put to sleep, in a proper position, in a safe sleep environment, she would have had absolutely no reason to lie.

I support HB684 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. Policy research suggests that care providers who repeated training were more likely to be compliant with safe sleep policies, and so I think it is valuable that operators/staff should attend annual trainings.

Finally making safe sleep policy which is in line with federal guidelines into State law will prevent the needless deaths of other babies who will otherwise continue to be at risk.

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William Haines	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Misaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB684 - I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Kristen Teranishi	Individual	Support	No

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Lloyd Oshiro	Individual	Support	No

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Yubin Sol	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Larson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I testify in strong support of HB684, Relating to Human Services. This bills create stronger policy to safeguard infants and young children by empowering the State to intervene when a child care provider is not following established best practices. Our family has relied on State-licensed child care facilities, and through these programs conducted an investigation into a child care provider who did not follow best practices for sleeping environments, resulting in a child dying while in their care, before deciding not to place our child with this individual. Empowering the State to more forcefully remove bad actors from providing child care is an essential protection that needs to be strengthened, and HB684 is a powerful step in the right direction. The specifics of HB 684 are in alignment with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, an organization dedicated to the health of all children. As a parent, I rely on the State to assist me by ensuring that the minimum level of care required for my child meets or exceeds the recommended best practices. I strongly encourage you to support this legislation on behalf of all parents. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Jennifer Kiyoko Camp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child. Just as a caregiver should know CPR, so should they know the basics of healthy sleep positions for infants.

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Christina Leopold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My friend's child died at a daycare facility while he was sleeping in an unapproved position, and after agreeing to allow him to sleep on his back. This cannot happen to another child. I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Dr. Carol Nowak	Individual	Support	No

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Adam Vorsino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child.

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Jesse Eiben	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support - This bill will assist in bringing the State of Hawaii up to current standards in child care for which the State has been lacking for many years.

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Jenny Prior	Individual	Support	No

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Karl Magnacca	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this basic, common-sense measure.

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Melissa Jones	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Koehler	Individual	Support	No

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Kimi Makaiau	Individual	Support	No

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Leah Laramée	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Chung-Do	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a working mother of two young children who has used in-home child care services through DHS, I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child. Although I am writing as an individual, I am also a public health professor. Safe sleep is a public health issue and it is widely established that safe sleep practices are crucial to ensure the safety of babies and young children. We need more transparency and accountability to ensure that our children receive quality care in safe environments by following best practices of childcare. It is extremely difficult to find affordable, available, quality childcare options in Hawaii and in our country. Many parents depend on licensed in-home daycares in Hawaii and we need better accountability and transparency to ensure our children are safe. Mahalo.

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Kelly Kozar	Individual	Support	No

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Ben Trevino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child. My friend lost her son to a child care facility that was not following safe sleep practices and this protection (which does not place any undue burden on the child care facility) might have saved his life. In my estimation, there is no devastation like that of losing a child. And our state needs to take all reasonable steps to protect its children and its parents, two groups of people so essential to the social fabric of our community. These groups look to the State of Hawaii for protection, protection that the state is in a unique an critical position to provide. Thank you for supporting this effort to do so.

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Dustin Wolkis	Individual	Support	No

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anne ogomori	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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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 safe 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 HB684. The loss of the young lives of Wiley King, Triton Forsyth and Zoe Wurtz is too great to allow HB684 to fall by the wayside, HB684 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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george fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Cindy Fujita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I 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, have operators/staff attend annual training's, and promptly report the death of any child

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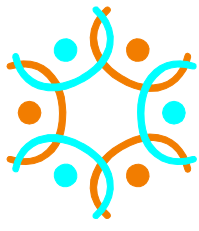
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Krista Anderson	Individual	Support	No

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

January 31, 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: **HB 684 – Relating to Human Services**  
**Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329, February 1, 2017, 9:30 AM**

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**On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support the intent of HB 20 – Relating to Human Services.**

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.

HB 684 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.

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>.

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

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