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March 17, 2017

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 185 SD2 – RELATING TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**

Hearing: Friday, March 17, 2017, 9:15 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure and offers comments.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is beginning January 1, 2019 to require child care providers licensed or registered by the Department of Human Services to obtain and maintain liability insurance coverage.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health defected the effective date of July 1, 2050. The Senate Committee on Human Services amended the measure by specifying that a provider operating a child care facility must obtain and maintain liability insurance coverage beginning January 1, 2019. The Department appreciates these amendments, and the January 1, 2019 date will give DHS adequate time to determine appropriate amounts of coverage, to amend the relevant administrative rules, and give providers adequate time to acquire the additional coverage.

The primary focus of DHS child care licensing program is on the health and safety of all children in care. Section 346-157, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), prohibits DHS from requiring a provider to obtain or maintain liability insurance coverage as a condition of licensure, temporary permission, or registration to operation a child care facility.

Legislative history from the 1986 House Committee on Human Services provides that the Legislature was concerned with the costs of liability insurance that was passed on to parents, and that parents should be made aware if the child care facility had opted to not have any insurance coverage. See House Journal, Standing Committee Report no. 208-86, on HB 2238-86 (1986).

Existing administrative rules, in accordance with section 346-157(c), HRS, only requires child care homes and facilities to disclose in their written policies whether the home or facility maintains liability coverage and must notify parents or guardians in writing no later than seven working days of the cancellation or termination of its liability insurance coverage. If the measure is enacted into law, pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, DHS will need to amend existing administrative rules for all licensed and registered child care facilities and homes.

DHS provides the following comments: SB 185 SD2 requires the amount of liability insurance coverage to be determined by the department. Determining the amount of coverage will require investigation and research, which DHS has started to do by sending inquiries to local child care associations as to industry standards.

- Multi-site center based child care providers reported different ranges of coverage with the minimum beginning at \$1 million per occurrence with a variation from \$3 million aggregate to \$15 million aggregate, with costs from \$24,000 to \$96,000 for multiple sites.
- Other providers reported that the insurance rates were determined by different criteria such as revenue at the site, ages of the children, and property values. With wide variation in costs for center based providers, we have not determined whether there are additional differences in what is covered or excluded by individual policies as to whether all types of “negligence to a child” is covered by individual policies.
- The cost of home based providers is not known, however, in general, DHS understands that regular home owner liability insurance would not cover negligence that occurred during operation of a home business.

- As of February 2017, there were 389 registered family child care homes and 6 licensed group child care homes statewide. SB 185 SD2 if passed, and depending on the cost of insurance coverage, may result in the significant unintended consequences: 1) the statewide reduction of available registered family child care homes and licensed group child care homes, as home-based providers would be disproportionately impacted by the passage of this bill, and these small home-based businesses may not be able to afford the costs of liability insurance coverage, 2) the cost of child care may likely rise, as cost of providing services rise and the numbers of providers decreases, and 3) lower income families may be disproportionately impacted as they would be priced out of licensed child care. Low-income families may then have no choice but to use less expensive, unregulated child care options.

If the bill is adopted, there will be impact to small businesses and such DHS rule changes would be considered by the Small Business Regulatory Review Board with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

DHS also informs the committee that in consultation with the Department of Accounting and General Services, Risk Management Office, that office would likely require an additional position to assist DHS in determining annually whether the individual insurance policies of approximately 1,000 child care facilities and homes would meet the standards DHS develops. DHS defers to DAGS on implementation and other issues.

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

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**From:** Melanie Hutchinson <melanier@hawaii.edu>  
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**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** 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.

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**From:** Wendy Umipeg-Wurtz <wumipeg@yahoo.com>  
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**Subject:** SB 185 support

**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.

Wendy Umipeg-Wurtz

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**From:** David Sischo <sischo@hawaii.edu>  
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**Subject:** Support SB185 and SB748

**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.

Aloha,

David Sischo

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**From:** Lloyd Oshiro <lloyd.oshiro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:44 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support for 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.

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**From:** Benjamin Trevino <bentut@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:41 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Strong Support of SB 185 and SB 748

I am a resident of Ala Moana and an active voter

### **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.

Ben Trevino  
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Submitted on: 3/16/2017

Testimony for HUS on Mar 17, 2017 09:15AM in Conference Room 329

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karl Magnacca	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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.

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

Comments: We strongly support the proposed requirement that all child care providers must obtain and maintain liability insurance as a condition of being licensed, obtaining temporary permission, or registration to operate a child care facility. The review process of obtaining insurance adds to confidence in their ability.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marilyn King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katie Flanagan	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Noelani Takayesu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Noelani Takayesu and I am a mother to a young daughter and I am expecting another daughter in April of this year. While preparing to send my daughter to a group childcare home in 2015, I encountered a Department of Human Services licensed childcare provider who routinely engaged deceptive, unsafe and unsanitary practices within her home while caring for children which ultimately resulted in the death of 4 month old Wiley King. Upon further investigating this provider and engaging in a lengthy and unfruitful personal bankruptcy proceeding with the caregiver, myself and 27 other families have lost out on a total of \$43,000. I 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. There is an expectation that when the Department of Human Services awards a license to childcare facilities that the provider(s) will follow the laws of the State of Hawaii that are in place for many reasons. Childcare providers can and should be held to a high standard when they are entrusted with the care and safety of our most vulnerable population, the keiki of Hawaii. I thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of SB185.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jane Fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie Benson	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marc Lambert	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jean Edwards	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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. Thank you for addressing this life saving need.

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Yvonne Rodgers	Individual	Support	No

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Jim Hayden	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kimberly Fujita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the proposed requirement that all State licensed child care providers must obtain and maintain liability insurance as a condition of licensure, temporary permission, or registration to operate a child care facility. The State should ensure that protections are in place for the providers and for the families they serve.

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Andrea Jani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**From:** kteranis@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** Testimony in support of 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.

Kristen Teranishi

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** cynthia king <soysprout@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:52 PM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** testimony in support of SB185

I support SB185, with the proposed requirement that all day care providers must obtain and maintain liability insurance as a condition to operate a state licensed child care facility. This is a requirement for most day care facilities already, and it is alarming that in-home day care has been exempt.

My son Wiley was almost four months old when he passed away under the care of a State licensed day care provider. We now know that she was caring for far more than the legal number of children at the time of Wiley's death, and we suspect that negligence played a role. The Honolulu Police Dept., Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and State Attorney General's office have not pursued criminal charges against this provider.

Our family has been unable to pursue a legal case against this provider in civil court because the provider has no money or assets to pursue. The cost of a wrongful death lawsuit like this could total hundreds of thousands of dollars...which means even civil attorneys who might be interested in litigation would be unable to recoup their costs.

I believe that the criminal justice system be provided the legal authority to appropriately pursue day care providers who cause the death or serious injury of a child as a result of negligence or reckless disregard of day care laws. However if criminal charges are not, or cannot be pursued, I believe the requirement of day care providers to maintain liability insurance would ensure that families have the option to take action in civil court, to pursue justice for their family as well as appropriate damages.

DHS has made the argument that they do not want to further burden day care providers. I would argue strongly that if the State of Hawaii is giving their stamp of approval to these providers, that there is a responsibility to ensure that protections are in place for the providers and for the families they serve. DHS has also argued that those costs will likely be passed on to families. Again, I would argue that families are already willing to pay more for licensed providers, and indeed already are paying more for those providers, based on the belief that these protections are already in place. At present they are investing in a false sense of security.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.  
Cynthia King  
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Honolulu, HI 96816

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Wendy Umipeg-Wurtz	Individual	Support	No

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David Itano	Individual	Support	No

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Jenny Prior	Individual	Support	No

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Veronica Rocha	Individual	Support	No

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Alexandra Shibata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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.

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**From:** Paul Krushelnycky <pauldk@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:57 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** SB185 I support

**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.

Paul Krushelnycky

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**From:** Will H <wili\_wili@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:55 AM  
**To:** HUSstimony  
**Subject:** Support for SB185

**SB185** - I am a resident of Hawaii. 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.

Thank you

William Haines  
1914 University Ave. #213  
Honolulu, HI 96822

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:48 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Cc:** kellykozar@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB185 on Mar 17, 2017 09:15AM

**SB185**

Submitted on: 3/16/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly Kozar	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** Eko Lapp <ekolapp@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:41 AM  
**To:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Support SB185

Aloha,

My name is Eko Lapp, I am a mother and an active voter. 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.

Mahalo,  
Eko

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**From:** Jeffrey Muir <jmuir@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:27 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** testimony for SB185 and SB748

**Aloha,**

**Please accept my testimony for the following bills:**

**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.

Thanks,

Jeff Muir (808) 520-5224

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Cc:** nicole.s.wilson@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB185 on Mar 17, 2017 09:15AM

**SB185**

Submitted on: 3/16/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Atwood	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HUS testimony  
**Cc:** leahlaramee@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB185 on Mar 17, 2017 09:15AM

**SB185**

Submitted on: 3/16/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leah Laramee	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** Christina Leopold <christinarleopold@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:20 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support

Good morning, I cannot access the [capitol.gov](http://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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**From:** Krista <kristac013@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:16 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support of two bills

Aloha,

As a soon-to-be-mom of twins, I would like to share my strong support for the following two bills:

**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.

Thank you,

Krista Anderson  
Kamuela, HI

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**From:** Noelani Takayesu <ntakayesu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:08 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support for SB185 & SB748

My name is Noelani Takayesu and I am a mother to a young daughter and I am expecting another daughter in April of this year. While preparing to send my daughter to a group childcare home in 2015, I encountered a Department of Human Services licensed childcare provider who routinely engaged deceptive, unsafe and unsanitary practices within her home while caring for children which ultimately resulted in the death of 4 month old Wiley King. Upon further investigating this provider and engaging in a lengthy and unfruitful personal bankruptcy proceeding with the caregiver, myself and 27 other families have lost out on a total of \$43,000.

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. There is an expectation that when the Department of Human Services awards a license to childcare facilities that the provider(s) will follow the laws of the State of Hawaii that are in place for many reasons. Childcare providers can and should be held to a high standard when they are entrusted with the care and safety of our most vulnerable population, the keiki of Hawaii. I thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of SB185.

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. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of SB748.

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**From:** Kiko Camp <kiko\_mcmurry@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** SB185 support

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

Jennifer Kiyoko Camp  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Wendy Meguro <wmeguro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:49 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of SB 185

Name: **Wendy Meguro**

Email address: [wmeguro@gmail.com](mailto:wmeguro@gmail.com)

Testifying on behalf of: **Individual**

Testifier position: **Support**

Testifying in person: **No**

Testimony file No file attached.

Comments

**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.

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**From:** Kamal Kapadia <kamal.kapadia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:07 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support

**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.

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.

Mahalo and aloha,  
Kamal Kapadia  
3029 Lowrey Avenue  
Apt D1113  
Honolulu, HI 96822

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**From:** Kimi Makaiau <kimi.makaiau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:45 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT SB 185

Aloha,

As a mother of a 16 month old son, 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.

Mahalo,

Kimi  
Makaiau  
Honolulu Resident

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**From:** whip scorpion <whipscorpion@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:28 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Senate Bill 185

Subject: Support for **SB185**

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Michael Richardson, a resident of Hawaii, parent of 4 young children, and active voter. I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 185, regarding 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. Please support and pass this critical common sense legislation needed to better protect Hawaii's precious keiki!

Sincerely,

Michael Richardson,

Hawaii Resident and Active Voter

**From:** [Adam Vorsino](#)  
**To:** [HUS testimony](#)  
**Subject:** support SB185  
**Date:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:09:17 PM

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**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.

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Adam E. Vorsino, Ph.D  
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**From:** [Nathan Yuen](#)  
**To:** [HUS testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of SB185 and SB748  
**Date:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:02:29 PM

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I strongly support SB185 and SB748 which would require the Department 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.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Nathan Yuen  
91-23 Hanpaouli Cir #29T  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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**From:** Janet Itano <janetitano@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:33 AM  
**To:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** SB185 and SB748

**Categories:** Done

**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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**LATE**

**From:** muirwdm@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Support

**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.

Sent from my iPad

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**LATE**

**From:** Edith Adkins <edithdadkins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support SB185 and SB748

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.

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Edith Adkins

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**LATE**

**From:** mcalla@gmail.com on behalf of Marisa Callaghan <marisa@coldwellbanker.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:28 PM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support SB185 and SB748

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.

Warm Regards,  
*Marisa*

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**From:** Carlie Medeiros <keahirose@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:24 PM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support SB185 and SB748

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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**From:** Molly Schmidt <mollyschmidt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support SB185 and SB748

SB185 - I strongly support SB185, including 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 SB748, 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.

Thank you,  
Molly Schmidt

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**LATE**

**From:** Sally Askins <askins.sally@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support

**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.

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Sally M. Askins, DPT, OCS  
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**LATE**

**From:** Emily King Quon <emkking@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:56 PM  
**To:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Support

**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.

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**From:** Jane Chung-Do <janejchungdo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Support

**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. As a working mom of two young children, I strongly believe that 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. The person who was caring for my older daughter was found to be breaking multiple childcare policies and was investigated for the tragic death of a young baby named Wiley. The only communication we had during this investigation was from the childcare provider who gave us constant misinformation that we later found out were all false. We later found out that she was continuing to watch other children although her license was suspended and we had no way to warn other parents about this. It is heartbreaking to know that Wiley's death could have been prevented and knowing that we unknowingly put our daughter's life in this unqualified dishonest person's hands. The transparency that this bill will provided is needed and critical to ensure the safety of our children. Parents should have the ability to make fully informed decisions about who they entrust to care for their children. Please do your part to protect our children and support Hawai'i's families.

Mahalo,  
Jane Chung-Do

**From:** [ken.king](#)  
**To:** [HUS testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support  
**Date:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:06:36 PM

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**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. (This is obviously needed in the unfortunate circumstance of accident or worse.)

**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 *need* accurate information about how care is being provided, and *whether* oversight and enforcement are functioning.

Kenneth King  
633 Terrace Avenue  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

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**LATE**

**From:** Katie Flanagan <katie.flanagan77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:23 PM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** Support

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Thank you,

Katie Flanagan

**LATE**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:28 PM  
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**SB185**

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Emma Yuen	Individual	Support	No

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