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TO: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 20 – RELATING TO CHILD CARE**

Hearing: Monday, January 23, 2017, 2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) acknowledges the efforts of the Legislature and community advocates to seek measures to prevent the tragic deaths associated with sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome. However, we respectfully oppose SB 20 as drafted which would legislate specific program requirements for regulated child care providers; DHS is currently addressing these changes through amendments to the relevant administrative rules.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to require operators of child care facilities, including family child care homes, group child care centers, group child care homes, and infant and toddler child care centers that care for children one year of age or younger to implement and maintain safe sleep policies to prevent sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome in accordance with rules adopted by DHS.

The primary focus of DHS child care licensing program is on the health and safety of all children in care. On January 4, 2017, DHS issued 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 DHS office sites. DHS welcomes your feedback and the public's feedback on the proposed rule amendments. Here is a link to the proposed rule changes on the DHS website:

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

The existing 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 additions are in Section 1 for (b), (c), (d), and (e). The proposed rule amendments are also more comprehensive than the proposed bill.

DHS would like to note that trainings on safe sleep practices are not provided directly by DHS, but is available through community agencies on-line or in-person, including training services for family child care providers and infant and toddler child care center staff for DHS contracted providers. Instead of including proposed section (d) of the measure, through the proposed rule amendments DHS shall approve the safe sleep training that will be completed by the child care providers.

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

DHS respectfully requests the deletion of proposed sections (b) through (e), as DHS is currently addressing these requirements through the amendment of administrative rules pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes. As the body of knowledge related to sleep related deaths continues, these amendments to the administrative rules 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.

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



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SB 20 – Relating to Child Care

Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) has more than 800 members statewide. Our mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawaii's children (birth to age 8) and their families.

HAEYC **supports** SB 20 which would require operators of child care facilities, including family child care homes, group child care centers, group child care homes, and infant and toddler child care centers that care for children one year of age or younger to implement and maintain safe sleep policies to prevent sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Human Services.

This measure is an important step to help assure the health and safety of our state's keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Kathy Murphy  
Executive Director

*Our mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawai'i's young children (B-8) and their families.*

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr. Carol Nowak	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a psychologist who works with children and families, the safety of our most vulnerable keiki is essential. Parents of babies and toddlers need to feel confident that their children will be safe while they work. Too many unnecessary deaths have taken away these young lives and left their parents and families devastated and forever feeling they should have done more to protect their babies and toddlers. Please support this bill.

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Clarice	Individual	Support	No

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Carl Bergquist	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a father of two daughters, one currently five months old, I strongly support this life-saving measure. It will protect our keiki by requiring that child care operators practice the same safe sleep practices that are drilled into all new parents by health care professionals across the world. I respectfully urge that you pass this measure. Mahalo for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Spencer Reemelin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill! We need to make sure no more kids die tragically in their sleep while at daycare. Aloha nui, Spencer Reemelin

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afsheen siddiqi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. It is our responsibility to ensure all our keiki are provided safe environments in care giving facilities. We cannot let another family suffer the consequences due to lack of common sense policies. Please pass this bill for the sake of our children.

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Margaret J.S. Koehler	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kimo tuyay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Kimo, and I am a working parent and community member on Oahu. I support Senate Bill 20 to require safe sleep policies in child care facilities to prevent sudden infant death syndrome. I am alarmed by the three infant deaths in two years in Hawaii child care facilities due to unsafe sleep conditions. Currently, there are no policies that allow for charges to be filed against someone who endangers children in this way. This allows them to continue as caregivers without any criminal or abuse history. This bill will help us be aware of these violations when selecting a child care facility. I support Senate Bill 20. Thank you." Kimo

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megan montoya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have personally experienced daycare neglect and abuse to my own son as an infant, which landed him in the hospital ICU for a week. It is imperative that we instill stricter rules and regulations for childcare providers.

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min tuyay	Individual	Support	No

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Paul Krushelnycky	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have come to learn that childcare providers in Hawaii have insufficient oversight, and this bill will help the situation.

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Sean Baumes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Aloha, My name is Sean Baumes, and as a working parent and community member of Oahu, I support Senate Bill 20 to require safe sleep policies in child care facilities to prevent sudden infant death syndrome. We are a community connected by a notion of ohana where we all serve as the aunties and uncles caring for all children of our island. As such, I am concerned by the three infant deaths in two years in Hawaii child care facilities due to unsafe sleep conditions. We have an opportunity, and I would argue a responsibility, to respond to these tragic events with an outpouring of care and call to action to ensure that our youth and the future of island is better protected from preventable harm. Currently, there are no policies that allow for charges to be filed against someone who endangers children in this way. This allows them to continue as caregivers without any criminal or abuse history. The majority of the individuals and centers that care for and educate our children undoubtedly do so with great attention, compassion, and proficiency. However, it is this unknowing and under performing minority that we need to protect against and by uplifting the standard of care for all, we can better serve all. This bill will help us be aware of violations when selecting a child care facility and make more informed decisions about the care of our children. I support Senate Bill 20. Thank you."

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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. SB20 and SB21 will help make sure that licensed caregivers understand and follow these basic and crucially important principles of safe childcare. SB20 and SB21 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. If SB20 and SB21 had been in effect, she would have had training in the importance of providing a safe sleeping environment, she would have had to certify that she would provide one, and there would have been penalties for her failure to do so. 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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Wendy Meguro	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, My name is Wendy Meguro, and I am a working parent and community member on Oahu. I support Senate Bill 20 to require safe sleep policies in child care facilities to prevent sudden infant death syndrome. I am alarmed by the three infant deaths in two years in Hawaii child care facilities due to unsafe sleep conditions. Currently, there are no policies that allow for charges to be filed against someone who endangers children in this way. This allows them to continue as caregivers without any criminal or abuse history. This bill will help us be aware of these violations when selecting a child care facility. I support Senate Bill 20. Thank you. Sincerely, Wendy Meguro

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Kamal Kapadia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in **STRONG** support of this measure. It is essential that every child care provider be held to high standards and be required to implement these practices. I am writing as a mother of a child who was once in child care and also as a mother who lost another baby (though not due to negligent child-care practices). Please save other families the trauma of preventable loss. Safe sleep policies are simple, low-cost, and life-saving. There are too many examples of child care facilities in Hawaii being negligent about this. This bill is essential.

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Brook Chapman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I'm a working mother of a child in preschool. We need to have assurance that care sites for our children are held to standards to insure our children's safety. I don't see any reason not to pass this bill.

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Seanyelle Yagi	Individual	Support	No

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Martha Cheng	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am testifying in support of SB20. Death by suffocation is a risk for all infants from 0 to 12 months old, but the risk can decreased by implementing safe sleep practices. So it makes sense that we should require the health care providers of our youngest and most vulnerable children to implement and maintain safe sleep policies to prevent sudden unexpected infant deaths. This seems like a relatively small requirement with a large impact. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill. Sincerely, Martha Cheng

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Nohea Leatherman-Arkus	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sudden unexpected infant death secondary to unsafe sleeping environment is the number one cause of death in children under 1 year old in the state of hawaii. This bill will reemphasize safe infant sleep practices and hopefully revive community education regarding how to prevent so many preventable deaths.

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Nori Tarui	Individual	Support	No

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21 January, 2017

To the Hawaii State Legislature:

I'm writing to voice my strong support for SB20, to implement basic standards for safe sleep for babies in daycare centers. I am a working mother of two young children, one of whom is an infant. Like the many working parents in our state, I have no choice but to entrust my infant to daycare providers. It is absolutely unacceptable that the most basic sleep safety standards are currently not mandated in our state, leaving infants at greater risk of injury and death. And notably, the increased risk is entirely unnecessary. The National Center of Child Health and Human Development launched the Back-to-Sleep (a.k.a. Safe-to-sleep) campaign in 1994, with the simple goal that all parents and care providers should put children to sleep on their backs. Since then the national rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) has declined by 50%. I was frankly shocked to find out that, more than two decades later, our state has no policy in place to ensure that this incredibly simple yet important standard is not followed to protect infants in state licensed child care facilities. Please do not allow our state's children to continue to face such terrible and unnecessary risk. Support SB20.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important bill, and for your dedication to Hawaii's families.

Sincerely,

Andrea Jani

Committee Chair Green, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee Members,

I testify in strong support of SB 20 and SB 21, relating to Child Care. These two 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 SB 20 and SB 21 are powerful step in the right direction.

SB 20 raises the minimum standard of safety for children, and SB 21 gives greater weight to encourage compliance from a child care provider with regard to children's safety. The specifics of SB 20 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.

Margaret Larson

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Craig Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support measure SB20 because it is critical that childcare centers in Hawaii be regulated to fall in line with the longstanding recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Institutes of Health in having comprehensive legislation ensuring that providers implement and maintain safe sleep policies. Most states have 3 or more laws ensuring education, training and regulations of childcare facilities in this regard: Hawaii has only one (SB400) and needs more: <http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/sudden-infant-death-syndrome-laws.aspx>

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John Vetter	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Rubinoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is the responsibility of the State to protect it's most vulnerable citizens. This bill should have been enacted years ago since it just requires basic common sense safety measures in daycare facilities. Please pass this bill so we can avoid future tragedies.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Noelani Takayesu	Individual	Support	Yes

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 SB 20. The loss of the young lives of Wiley King, Triton Forsyth and Zoe Wurtz is too great to allow SB20 to fall by the wayside, SB20 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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jeff muir	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB20. Hawaii needs to institute a safe sleep policy for day cares which is in line with federal guidelines to prevent the needless deaths of babies who will otherwise continue to be at risk.

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My name is Cynthia King and I am an individual citizen who supports SB20. 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 SB20. It is too late to save Wiley. Or Triton. Or Zoe. But 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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Nicole Atwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There are so many families in Hawai'i that simply wouldn't be able to live here without the incomes of both parents/partners. As a working parent, you put so much trust in the child care facility you're sending your child to. It is so important for me and other working parents to know infants are in facilities that are minimizing the risk of SIDS and sudden unexpected infant deaths. I strongly support SB20 requiring that operators of child care facilities caring for children one year of age or younger implement and maintain safe sleep policies in accordance with Department of Human Services rules.

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Krista Anderson	Individual	Support	No

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william muir	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge the legislature to pass SB20 and SB21 to protect children in daycare. When a young parent drops their child or children off at daycare so they can go to work, they trust their children will be alive and well at the end of the workday when they come to pick them up. For this to occur, sufficient rules and regulations concerning safe operation of daycare facilities must be in place and enforced to protect children. Several years ago, our four month old grandson was dropped off at a Honolulu daycare facility and did not survive. This has been devastating to their parents and extended family, as you can imagine. Had SB20 and SB21 been in place, this death may not have occurred. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Rosanna ?Anolani Alegado	Individual	Support	No

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West Seward	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe this bill is necessary to ensure the safety of our keiki and hold child care providers accountable

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Karl Magnacca	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in strong support of SB20, for clearer and more stringent guidelines on child care facilities. A friend of mine recently suffered the devastating loss of their child while at a facility that was not meeting standards and was not providing adequate care. Worse, I understand that several other children have died in similar circumstances. If these kind of rules requiring awareness and planning were in place earlier, their children might still be alive. Sometimes such tragic events may occur regardless, but when accompanied by such negligence they become extremely traumatic and the effect is multiplied. This is an opportunity to make a small, common-sense change that will save lives.

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FROM: Jesse Owens, Honolulu HI

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services

SUBJECT: Support SB20

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.

January 21, 2017

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB20

Dear Chair Green 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  
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Honolulu, HI 96814

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Kimberly Fujita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Children having been dying due to unsafe practices for year in Hawaii. The fact that it has taken this long for laws, common in other states, to be heard is appalling. Hawaii needs safe practices to protect children and their families from going through what mine has. My family lost a precious member because a woman we trusted took advantage of us and ended in death. You would think she would be investigated and charged, but no. Due to relaxed standards people like this, people who commit manslaughter, get away. Hawaii needs to protect its children, it's future generations.

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matt dyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am formally testifying in support of SB20

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Susan K Henness	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We implore you pass SB20 and SB21! This will help to protect our most vulnerable and innocent population. We lost our grandson at an unlawful, family, day care in Hawaii. Our lives are forever changed. The rules, for care, are in place. Yet, they're all useless if you choose not to enforce the very laws you created. No price is too high for our children. Thank you! Susan K Henness

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Melissa Dean	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB20. Considering that infants in Hawaii have died while at daycare with lingering questions regarding whether their daycare provider was following proper safe sleeping techniques, this bill is needed to help educate providers and assure parents.

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**SB20 – Relating to Child Care and Safe Sleep monitoring practices.**

**Support**

**Private Citizen Testimony – Hilo, HI**

**Dr. Jesse Eiben**

**I strongly support SB20** relating to mandating sensible safe sleep monitoring, training, and discussions of care policies with parents placing children in child care.

Hawaii needs to be brought up to date with the current knowledge relating to safe sleep in all of the State-Sanctioned child care facilities of every type! Please pass this bill.

Given the high cost of living in Hawaii, both parents **MUST** work, especially to support a family. These parents who must leave children in the hands of others must be ensured that proper care is given.

There are too many horror stories of inappropriate child care facilities run by non-trained care givers. This bill will help bring safe care conditions to Hawaii's children.

Pass SB20!

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Erin Detwiler	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Graham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Safe sleeping situations and procedures should be mandatory for all child care facilities to protect the lives of our children.

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**Testimony submitted to the Senate Committee on Human Services  
In Support of Senate Bill 20: Relating to Child Care**

Monday, January 23, 2017  
2:45 PM  
Conference Room 016

Chair Green, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the committee:

Senate Bill 20 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 Infant 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 infant 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.

Mahalo,

Joshua Atwood  
Honolulu HI 96825

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corey cherry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure to protect our children.

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Roy N Morioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Green, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the House Committee on Human Services. I write is strong support of this bill as it improves the statutory safeguards for the care of infants under the age of one year by child care facilities. I additionally urge consideration of limiting the number of infants under the age of one year in such facilities to ensure their safety and well-being through extraordinary care. Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony as I recently shared the deep hurt and sorrow of a family that experienced the loss of their infant child. Respectfully Yours, Roy N. Morioka

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Ben Trevino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill and applaud the legislators who have introduced it, and scheduled it for hearing. 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 and critical position to provide. Thank you for supporting this effort to do so.

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Kristen Teranishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of SB20. This bill will save the lives of those who cannot protect or speak for themselves.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Richardson	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Michael Richardson, resident of Hawaii and active voter. I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill (SB20), RELATING TO CHILD CARE. This bill requires operators of child care facilities, including family child care homes, group child care centers, group child care homes, and infant and toddler child care centers that care for children one year of age or younger to implement and maintain safe sleep policies to prevent sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Human Services. This bill is a no brainer! Hawaii's youngest and most vulnerable citizens, our precious, young keiki, need vastly more protection from gross negligence that occurs in our child care facilities on a routine basis. Currently, there are no standards in place to ensure the safety of our young keiki. Please do the responsible thing and support this important measure. Sincerely, Michael Richardson, an active voter

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I strongly support SB20. In October 2016, the American Academy of Pediatrics announced new safe sleep recommendations to protect against SIDS, Sleep-Related Infant Deaths. An infant must be in the same room as an adult while sleeping, and should be on its own surface, not a plush or soft surface like a couch, but on a proper infant mattress. There should be no blankets, toys or stuffed animals in the bed with the child. And finally, the child should sleep on its back. Our laws and regulations for childcare in Hawaii should reflect these recommendations. We cannot accept that children die in daycare due to practical matters that can be easily solved based on the appropriate knowledge. Please change our current system and its vulnerability to family tragedies.



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Josh Stanbro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Dear Committee on Human Services,

As more and more families find it necessary to turn to childcare outside the home it is important for us to be vigilant in ensuring ALL child care facilities meet the highest standards. It is the states responsibility to ensure that certification as a child care provider provided families with peace of mind that their child is left in good hands. Proper training for all child care providers in safe sleep procedures is imperative to maintaining this peace of mind. With these comments in mind I fully support the amendments proposed by SB20 and encourage you to pass this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leah Laramee

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