



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

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To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

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

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

Re: **SB 21 – Relating to Child Care**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016, January 23, 2017, 2:50 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support the intent of SB 21 – Relating to Child Care.

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>.

HCAN supports the intention to provide safe, regulated child care. We also encourage legislators to help state departments provide programs that provide incentives for child care facilities to meet guidelines, not just penalties. Such as providing smoke detectors, instead of just fining a facility for not having adequate smoke detectors.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee vote to pass this bill.