



February 25, 2017

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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

Re: **SB 522 – Relating to Human Services**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211, February 28, 2017, 9:30 AM

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

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

SB 522 addresses the Safe Sleep policies for children under age one, yet does not address children over age one. This bill should be expanded to better match the administrative rules adopted last week by DHS.

In addition to the administrative rules and this bill, there should be a companion community education program to help educate families in addition to the child care workers on safe sleep practices for children.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee add the safe sleep requirements for children over age one to be consistent with the Department of Human Services.

HCAN is committed to building a unified voice advocating for Hawaii's children by improving their safety, health, and education. Last fall, HCAN convened input in person and online from more than 50 organizations and individuals that came forward to support or express interest for a number of issues affecting children and families in our state that resulted in the compilation of 2017 Hawaii Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2017policyagenda>.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2017

Testimony for CPH/WAM on Feb 28, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Haines	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the proposed requirement for all state licensed child care facilities to place infants to sleep on their backs, maintain safe sleep environments, 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 under their care.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roy N Morioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill as submitted in my earlier testimony. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify. Respectfully, Roy Morioka

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