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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 368 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**  
**SB 522 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Friday, January 27, 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, community members, and advocates to seek measures to prevent the tragic deaths associated with sudden unexpected infant deaths and sudden infant death syndrome. However, while we agree with the measures' intent, we respectfully oppose SB 368 and SB 522 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 SB 368 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 the Department of Human Services.

The purpose of SB 522 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 each 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 both measures require the operator and employees to complete training and that DHS to 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.

Training is currently 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. 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.

Further, 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.

If the measures are passed, we ask the legislature to consider, that the proposed measures introduce uncertainty as to children who are 12 month olds, with the use of the "a child one year of age or younger." Currently, section 346-152.7(a) HRS, refers to "children less than one year of age," which include children birth through 11 months old. We suggest, if the measures are passed, that the terms be made consistent. However, if amendments are made to the HRS, this would require an additional change to the administrative rules effective at the time of enactment of any changes to the HRS.

Additional inconsistency between the two measures are in subsection (b); SB 368 applies to "operators," and in SB 522 the subsection (b) refers to "operators of each child care facility and their employees."

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.

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



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

January 23, 2017

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

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

Re: **SB 522 – Relating to Human Services**  
**Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016, January 27, 2017, 2:45 PM**

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**On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support the intent of SB 522 – Relating to 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 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2017policyagenda>.

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.

SB 522 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.

**For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee add the safe sleep requirements for children over age one consistent with the Department of Human Services and combine this bill with SB 20 and SB 368.**





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SB 522 – Relating to Human Services

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 522 which strengthens the safe sleep policy for child care facilities for children less than 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 the Department of Human Services.

This measure is an important step to help assure the health and safety of our state's keiki and will help support child care providers with setting policy on and training in providing safe sleeping environments.

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>
Michael Mastronardi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I fully support this bill. My grandson (Triton Forsyth) was one of the three who passed away while waiting for legislation on this problem.

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Kimberlee Pagan	Individual	Support	No

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Megan Laut	Individual	Support	No

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Kristi Mahi	Individual	Support	No

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Sharon	Individual	Support	No

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K Carpenter	Individual	Support	No

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corrina	Individual	Support	No

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James Blaine Rogers	Individual	Support	No

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Sally Askins	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ivy Mohica	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this BILL! Please save our precious babies.

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Lindsey Pratt	Individual	Comments Only	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kathryn Stanaway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislatures, I am submitting testimony in support of SB522. I support this measure to require all licensed child care facilities to follow a safe sleep policy for infants one year and younger by placing the child on their back to sleep. The National Institute of Health website recommends placing an infant on their back to sleep is the best way to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or SIDS. Requiring all licensed child care facilities to notify parents of this policy also gives new parents peace of mind while at work. Thank you.

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Eko Lapp	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Stephanie Benson	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie M. Joe	Individual	Support	No

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Adam Dorr	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Rochelle Barcenilla	Individual	Support	No

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Kristen Teranishi	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Askins	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: Please pass this important legislation to protect our most vulnerable keiki, ages 0-4

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Meyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB522 (Safe sleep) - 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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Lindsay Young	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roy N Morioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT - Our infant children require these extraordinary statutory protections!

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Megan Coy	Individual	Support	No

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Lynsey Bow	Individual	Support	No

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Leah Laramee	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Connolly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB522 (Safe sleep) - 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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<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 to require child care facilities to follow and adhere to the safe sleeping policy which meets the national safety standards. Hawaii needs to safeguard the lives of their precious babies. My grandson and two other babies could still be alive if this measure had been in place.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia Espinda	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Senators - This well-intentioned measure may impact babies with acid-reflux or colic. Parents of babies with this condition are almost universally instructed to have their babies sleep on their bellies. While there is a medical written waiver option included in the bill, this will still likely mean a parent(s) must go again to a physician/healthcare provider to obtain that written waiver, adding unnecessary cost and burden.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jenny Prior	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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Colleen Cole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a mother of 2 children who were both in day care by 6 months old, I fully 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. If we are not going to provide substantial and comprehensive parental leave then we need to ENSURE that child care is high quality and that no mother ever again has to receive the devastating call that her baby has died in day care.

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CHERYL KUROIWA	Individual	Support	No

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Edith Adkins	Individual	Support	No

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Eric Kuroiwa	Individual	Support	No

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Kay Jernigan	Individual	Support	No

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Craig Nelson	Individual	Support	No

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25 January 2017

regarding: support for SB 522

To the Hawaii State Senate:

I am writing to voice my support for 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.

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%. Yet, in our State in the past 3 years, at least 3 infants have died while sleeping on their stomachs in Hawaii State licensed daycare facilities. Please do not allow our state's children to continue to face such terrible and unnecessary risk. Please support SB522.

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

Sincerely,

Andrea Jani



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Derrick Apilado	Individual	Support	No

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Devin Leopold	Individual	Support	No

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Lauren McDowell	Individual	Support	No

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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 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 SB522. The loss of the young lives of Wiley King, Triton Forsyth and Zoe Wurtz is too great to allow SB522 to fall by the wayside, SB522 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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**Testimony submitted to the Senate Committee on Human Services  
In Support of Senate Bill 522: Relating to Human Services**

Friday, January 27, 2017

2:45 PM

Conference Room 016

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

Senate Bill 522 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 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.

Mahalo,

Joshua Atwood  
Honolulu HI 96825

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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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Adriana Jimenez	Individual	Support	No

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afsheen siddiqi	Individual	Support	No

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Brian Flanagan	Individual	Support	No

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Katie Franklin	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Koehler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It absolutely should be a requirement for all child care facilities to observe safe sleep policies that meet national safety standards and that all child care givers be properly trained in this topic. No parent should have to worry about the safety of their child while in a child care facility do to the fact that the employees caring for them may not be properly trained on basic sleep safety standards.

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Adam Vorsino	Individual	Support	No

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Danielle Saito	Individual	Support	No

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William Haines	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Chung-Do	Individual	Support	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 received 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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Sheri Higashionna	Individual	Support	No

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Cheryl Scarton	Individual	Support	No

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Jean Edwards	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Kiyoko Camp	Individual	Support	No

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Carl Meyer	Individual	Support	No

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David Forsyth	Individual	Support	No

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Jem Mendenilla	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

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Shannon Cianciola	Individual	Comments Only	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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Christine Umipeg-Apilado	Individual	Support	No

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Kelsy Wilson	Individual	Support	No

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Nicole Atwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly 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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Troy Wurtz	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Butler	Individual	Support	No

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Wendy Umipeg-Wurtz	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Margaret Larson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Committee Chair Green, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee Members, I testify in strong support of SB 522, relating to Human Services. This bill creates 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 522 is a powerful step in the right direction. SB 522 raises the minimum standard of safety for children and gives greater weight to encourage compliance from a child care provider with regard to children's safety. The specific requirements 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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I strongly support SB522. 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 SB522 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.

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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Kyle Kurasaki	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Kurasaki	Individual	Support	No

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Kuolin Fung	Individual	Support	No

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Michele Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

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jeff muir	Individual	Support	No

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FROM: Jesse Owens, Honolulu HI

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services

SUBJECT: Support SB522

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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Katie Flanagan	Individual	Support	No

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January 25, 2017

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB522

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,

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kim yonemori	Individual	Support	No

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Theodora Tsiampas	Individual	Support	No

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Yinphan Tsang	Individual	Support	No

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Ben Trevino	Individual	Support	No

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Committee: Committee on Human Services  
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, January 27, 2017  
Place: Conference Room 016  
Re: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 522, Relating to Human Services

Dear Chair Green, Vice-Chair Chang and Members of the Committee on Human Services,

I write in strong support of SB 522, which strengthens the safe sleep policy for child care facilities in the State. This bill addresses a critical gap in the regulation of our child care facilities by ensuring that all facilities, including family child care, group child care facilities, and infant and toddler child care, have and adhere to a safe sleep policy. Furthermore it requires that staff and operators have annual and up-to-date training on providing a safe sleep environment for young children in their care.

This action is overdue considering the fact that national agencies such as the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development have recommended that children be put on their back to sleep since the mid-1990's. Furthermore, the reality for many families in Hawai'i, which has one of the highest costs of living in the nation, is that parents must rely heavily on child care in order to return to work to support their families, pay their rent or mortgage, and afford food. In this environment, it is vital to have access to quality child care. This comes at a great cost, however, particularly infant care, which costs even more and is less available.

As a public health professional with a focus on maternal and child health, I understand the basic elements that contribute to a quality child care environment. As a mother of two young children, I also understand the difficulty parents face when returning to work and trying to find child care that we believe to be safe, healthy loving, as well as able to meet our needs in terms of schedules, hours, and location. My options were constrained by the availability of cost-effective care with openings for infants. In the end, I felt lucky to have found something that would work for us, but I also realized that I was relying more on faith than my first impressions of our chosen child care provider were right, as opposed to having based my decision on sound evidence of the provider's skill, knowledge and quality of care. I believe that many parents are in the same position or in even more challenging situations, i.e., they need to return to work shortly after birth or due to their financial circumstance their options for care are even more limited than ours.

Tragically, I now know how lucky we were in spite of the deficits in the current system because our friend's baby died in a child care facility in Hawai'i that did not adhere to safe sleep practices. His loss is a heartbreak that is unimaginable to me and it has compelled me and, I pray, will compel this committee to act.

I believe this bill will improve the health and safety of our most precious and vulnerable citizens. Failure to pass these measures represents a failure of our systems responsible for ensuring that our keiki survive and thrive. As a nation, a state, and a community we know too much about how to educate, regulate, and prevent such tragedies that any more infant deaths as a result of unsafe sleep environments in registered and/or licensed child care facilities is wholly unacceptable.



It is essential to take action *this year* to extend more protections in order to safeguard our children when they are outside of our homes. SB 522 is a vital step toward improving quality child care in this state. Passage of this bill demonstrates the Legislature's true commitment to serving and protecting the families of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Delafield, MPH, DrPH(c)  
Honolulu, HI

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marcia dorr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB522 (Safe sleep) - 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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Sarah Sterkel	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. Child care facilities must be required to understand and follow all safety standards.

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Nori Tarui	Individual	Support	No

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nicky thomas	Individual	Support	No

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KIMBERLY CALPO	Individual	Comments Only	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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**SB522** (Safe sleep) - My friend's son died in the care of a licensed child care provider that did not place her son to sleep on his back. We need to require that safe sleep environments are provided to all infants, and do so legislatively when infants are in the care of licensed child care providers. 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.

Mahalo, Christina Leopold  
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Michael Richardson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators: My name is Michael Richardson, a Hawaii resident and active voter. I am writing in support of SB522. 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. Sincerely, Michael Richardson

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Jeannine Souki	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Green, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee: I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue and commend you for bringing this bill forward this session. For many of those who are parents or guardians, finding safe, affordable and quality childcare is not easy, especially for infants. The prioritization and standardization of safe sleep practices in any childcare setting helps to solidify the foundation for quality care. Requiring training for childcare providers is critical to building quality childcare services in our state. I'm happy to see this bill move forward as well as the Department of Human Services (DHS') proposed rulemaking notice to mandate safe sleep practices for all childcare providers. The public hearing for DHS' Administrative Rule Hearing is Monday, February 6 at 9 am in the BESSD office at 820 Mililani Street, Room 615 if any persons are interested in attending and submitting testimony on the proposed rules which are modeled after national best practices. Having training opportunities that can be publicly or privately supported to build competency and knowledge of "Back to Sleep" practices is also necessary as part of the licensing requirement. Please support the Department of Human Services with resources needed to improve quality services for kids and families. My son is going on four-years-old now, but I distinctly remember the difficult experience I had searching for what I believed at minimum was a safe and secure place for my child to be cared for while I went back to work. Like any parent, we want the best we can get for our children. But with just a minimum number of spaces (6 at most for infant care) available at only a handful of larger childcare facilities and even fewer (2 at most for infant care) spaces by home-based childcare providers there are very few options to choose from. Visiting each of the options provides a good gauge of the levels of quality there are in our communities. Family care home settings tend to vary widely from group childcare centers and infant and toddler childcare centers. Seeing first-hand what the day-to-day environment will be within each setting is probably one of the most critical elements of choosing a provider. When I finally found the family care home option for my son, I remember taking pictures of him daily as I dropped him off to childcare because I didn't want to ever miss the last moment seeing my son. Having seen the different settings and finally settling on my third choice because of long waiting lists to get into other facilities, I was worried about SIDs always. These choices are heart wrenching for

parents. I can only imagine what it must be like to lose a child you put into daycare. High quality care in any setting is something we should strive for because kids need protection as much as they need nurturing. Thank you for advancing this bill and giving this issue your priority this session.

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Wendy Meguro	Individual	Support	No

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Diane Fedor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: All childcare facilities should be made safe. If the State is to license them, then the State should be inspecting them and making sure that requirements are met. Like with our cars...like with our restaurants.... The State becomes the bottom line.

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Kamal Kapadia	Individual	Support	No

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