

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1337

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15 , 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1226
S.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 1226, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the safety of children in regulated child care settings by:

- (1) Requiring criminal history checks of adult relatives who provide care for a child whose family receives a child care subsidy;
- (2) Allowing the Department of Human Services to take both administrative and judicial action to enforce child care licensing requirements;
- (3) Clarifying when information about an investigation of a complaint will be released to the public;
- (4) Clarifying that the program is not prohibited from sharing information and cooperating with child welfare services and law enforcement during investigations; and

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- (5) Increasing the fines for violations of provisions for licensure of group child care homes and for registration of family child care homes.

The Department of Human Services and an individual supported this measure. The Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest and an individual provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1226, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Homelessness,



JOY R. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



