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TO: The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 1232 SD1 - RELATING TO CHILD SAFETY**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 8:45 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this administrative bill that clarifies the disclosure requirements for exempt child care facilities.

PURPOSE: This bill proposes to amend and correct section 350-2(f), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and to clarify that upon proper consent, the department is authorized to disclose that a confirmed report of child abuse or neglect has occurred at a child care facility excluded or exempt from part VIII, Child Care, Chapter 346, HRS, to any parent or guardian of a child enrolled at that child care facility. The Committees on Human Services and Judiciary made technical amendments and clarified that DHS may disclose certain information upon receipt of consent.

Act 176, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2018, amended section 350-2, HRS, but subsection (f) had an incorrect reference to licensed or registered child care facility (page 1, lines 10 and 11). Since subsection (e) of section 350-2, HRS, as amended by Act 176, SLH 2018, refers to the process for disclosure for a licensed or registered child care facility, then subsection (f) should refer to the process for disclosure for a child care facility operating in

accordance with an exclusion or exemption pursuant to section 346-152, HRS, to cover all child care situations.

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