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TO: The Honorable Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
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FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

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

Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016, 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.

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.