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TO: The Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 673 – RELATING TO CHILD CARE FACILITIES**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure and offers comments. We are listening to the concerns of our community and continue to examine how to improve our systems to be more efficient and effective in serving Hawai'i's children. In response to the enactment of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014, Public Law (P.L.) 113-186, and Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2016, DHS has been and is actively working on complying with these major changes in law that already require DHS to post similar monitoring and inspection information to a public website. Proceeding with the current law, DHS expects the information to be available on a public website by late 2018.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to require DHS to publish reports of child care facility inspections and complaint investigations on DHS's website and creates an oversight committee for implementation of and compliance with publication requirements. The bill also requires annual reporting to the Legislature and makes an appropriation.

The primary focus of DHS child care licensing program is on the health and safety of all children in care. On November 19, 2014, President Obama signed into law the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014, Public Law (P.L.) 113-186, which

reauthorized the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The CCDBG Act of 2014 made expansive changes focused on protecting the health and safety of children in care, ensuring parents and the general public have transparent information about the child care choices available to them, and improving the overall quality of early learning and afterschool programs.

1. Posting reports to a public website.

To bring Hawaii law into compliance with federal law, last session's Governor's bill package included HB2343, which the Hawaii legislature passed (HB2343 HD2 SD1 CD1) and the Governor signed into law as Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2016. Act 88 (SLH 2016) became effective July 1, 2016. Act 88 (SLH 2016) made substantial amendments to safety provisions to protect children in child care consistent with the CCDBG Act. In addition to enhancing and expanding background checks, training and monitoring provisions of exempt providers caring for children whose families receive a CCDF subsidy, Act 88 (SLH 2016) amended section 346-153, to allow DHS to post records of deficiencies and complaints on a public website. DHS is currently working to implement these extensive changes in the regulation of child care providers.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), issued the Final Rule 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 98 for the CCDF program and which became effective November 30, 2016. The 45 CFR Part 98 rule revision provided needed guidance regarding P.L. 113-186 requirements to the states, territories, and tribes that receive CCDF grants and clarified that the consumer education information website requirement for each state will need to include:

- a. The process of licensing child care providers;
- b. The process for conducting monitoring and inspections of child care providers;
- c. Policies and procedures related to criminal background checks for child care providers;
- d. The offenses that prevent individuals from serving as child care providers;
- e. A localized list of all licensed child care providers searchable by zip code;

- f. Results of monitoring and inspection reports and those reports due to major substantiated complaints about failure to comply with the provisions of health and safety.

The reports on the public website shall include information on the date of such inspection, information on corrective action taken by the state and the child care provider, where applicable, any health and safety violations, including any fatalities and serious injuries occurring at the provider, prominently displayed on the report summary, and a minimum of 3 years of results where available.

DHS has been diligently working toward improving the health and safety system through meeting the requirements of the CCDBG Act, P.L. 113-186 and 45 CFR Part 98, and DHS anticipates the implementation of the public consumer education website by late 2018.

DHS provides the following comments for the committee's consideration. There may be unintended consequences if this bill is adopted in its current form as it is inconsistent with federal provisions and creates uncertainty. Page 4, line 6 insertion of "shall" and deletion of "may" would require DHS to post all complaints of alleged violations received by DHS. DHS is concerned that because there is no minimum standard of evidence required to submit a complaint to DHS, families, consumers and the public may be confused by postings of complaints in which DHS did not find any evidence of violations of the child care rules or laws.

Congress and the ACF through P.L. 113-186 and 45 CFR Part 98 understood that consumers and the public should have information posted regarding *substantiated* complaints in which the state has found violations of regulatory requirements; such posting of only substantiated complaints would allow the public and parents to access critical information quickly without having to sift through other information, like unsubstantiated reports where the state did not find violations of any regulatory requirements.

If the Committee finds that posting of all complaints whose investigation has been completed is necessary for consumers and the public, DHS may need to consider additional IT system modifications to accommodate this change as DHS is currently in the planning and development process of the public website to meet the requirements of P.L. 113-186 and 45 CFR Part 98.

Changes to state law may result in additional delays to DHS meeting the targeted implementation date of late 2018. DHS would also need to consult with the ACF as to whether or not such additional unsubstantiated complaint information posted would risk the department's ability to comply with CCDBG Act P.L. 113-186 and 45 CFR Part 98 as consumers would have to sift through the additional information to determine for themselves which complaints are 'critical information' and which were substantiated complaints by DHS.

DHS proposes leaving page 4, line 6 as "may," since P.L. 113-186 and 45 CFR Part 98 already require DHS as a condition of continued receipt of the federal CCDF grant to post such substantiated complaint information and results of monitoring and inspection reports on a public website.

The department's current plan and design of the website to meet the federal posting requirements is designed to assist parents to find regulated child care and will identify only current providers with active and valid licenses or registrations. The system will be searchable by zip code, and information regarding active and valid child care licensed and registered providers will be updated on a nightly basis.

Currently, if a complaint involves allegations of potential risk of health and safety to children in home-based care, the license or registration may be suspended and the DHS child care licensing staff will notify involved families by phone telephone. If the same occurred regarding a facility, DHS would post a notice and facility staff would inform parents of the suspension of the facilities' license.

For annual monitoring purposes, DHS plans to post inspection reports of regulated child care within 30 days of the inspection. The ACF has provided recommendations that States post the inspection report information no later than 90 days of the completion of the inspection.

DHS is concerned that the proposed section 346-153(c) and the department's ability to post the inspection reports within 5 working days of the conclusion of the site inspection will be compromised, as larger facilities or facilities with multiple types of licenses may require more than 1 inspection to complete the review of the applicable licensing requirements for the facility. The finalized listing of deficiencies is provided to the

facility or home, and adequate time is given to the facility or home to review the deficiencies cited and discuss with the child care licensing unit if there are questions about the deficiencies cited.

Administratively, DHS does not anticipate any additional costs to the department to implement the proposed public website under the requirements of P.L. 113-186 and 45 CFR Part 98, as the work is on-going.

However, any additional requirements that the public website would need to meet under a state law amendment would likely add costs of an estimated \$80,000 and additional time of 6 – 12 months to implement the proposed changes. If this is the Legislature's intent, DHS asks that the committee provide an effective date to give DHS sufficient time to implement any required changes.

2. Oversight committee for child care facility inspection information.

Regarding Section 1 of this bill to create an oversight committee to oversee implementation and compliance with the requirements of section 346-153(c), it is not clear what function(s) the oversight committee would fulfill and how often the committee would meet.

The Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD) currently has a Child Care Advisory group that meets quarterly. The membership for the group consists of 22 voting members, including a representative from registered family child care and a parent representative, along with other early childhood stakeholder organizations and groups. DHS wonders if this group could fulfill the functions of the proposed oversight committee.

DHS notes that the proposed oversight committee would have 6 parent consumer representatives, one from each geographic area served by the DHS child care licensing units statewide, as well as a family child care home and a group child care home. The BESSD Child Care Advisory group's 1 parent representative and 1 family child care representative are rarely able to attend the quarterly meetings due to the meetings being held during the weekdays during the days. Most parents and home-based providers are busy working or providing care for the children and are unable to take the time off to attend the advisory meetings.

If the Legislature agrees that the proposed committee representation is essential, DHS estimates costs needed for expenses incurred to maintain the oversight committee. If the committee were to meet quarterly, the estimated cost of \$10,600 is needed annually for travel and other expenses incurred for members in performance of their official duties.

Regarding the membership of the oversight committee members, DHS notes that there is no coordinator position for the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care. The Early Learning Advisory Board was designated as Hawaii's state advisory council on early childhood education and care. The program and administrator from the Center on the Family, Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) no longer exists.

Further, it would also be helpful for members from the Senate and House to be nominated as advisory members.

We all have the same interest protecting the health, safety, and well-being of Hawaii's children and will work with the Legislature to improve our system.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
afsheen siddiqi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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January 30, 2017

RE: SUPPORT FOR HB673

Dear Chair Morikawa and members of the Committee on Human Services,

Please pass this bill that will help parents have adequate knowledge of the history of the childcare providers. This is basic information that should be made available to all. Also, I appreciate that the oversight committee will ensure that proper responses are made into childcare issues.

Mahalo,

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FROM: Jesse Owens, Honolulu HI

TO: House Committee on Human Services

SUBJECT: Support HB673

I support this bill because the oversight committee will help ensure that major service issues are publicly vetted, and also I support the posting of the inspections information because this type of information is critical for selecting an appropriate childcare provider.

Thank you.

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Jim Hayden	Individual	Support	No

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Marilyn King	Individual	Support	No

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Josh Atwood	Individual	Support	Yes

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Sally Askins	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Askins	Individual	Support	No

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Krista Anderson	Individual	Support	No

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Christine Umipeg-Apilado	Individual	Support	No

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Eko Lapp	Individual	Support	No

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Adam Dorr	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Seriously guys, this is a no-brainer. I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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I support the requirement of DHS to publish reports of child care facility inspections and complaint investigations on DHS's website.

If families had the option to have more in depth research on facilities that is supported by DHS, they would have the better choice to make a better decision where and whom they can intrust their babies with. Families also have the right to leave reviews like Yelp so that future families can read and see each DHS approved facilities care. This would also keep care givers more responsibilities in their actions.

Mahalo
Danielle Sagun-Apilado

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Michelle Gorham	Individual	Support	No

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corey cherry	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Carl Meyer	Individual	Support	No

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Ryan Peralta	Individual	Support	No

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Jarrod Quon	Individual	Support	No

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Edith Adkins	Individual	Support	No

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Emily Quon	Individual	Support	No

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Erin Matsunaga	Individual	Support	No

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jeff muir	Individual	Support	No

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Paul Krushelnycky	Individual	Support	No

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Cynthia King	Individual	Support	Yes

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Benjamin Forsyth	Individual	Support	No

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William Haines	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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Robert Namahoe	Individual	Support	No

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Brendt Chang	Individual	Support	No

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Andrea Jani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Parents seeking child care for their children need access to relevant information about the safety of child care operators. Currently, it is difficult for parents to find out how they can access information, and in practice it can be onerous to the point where parents will not get the information they need. I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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Andy Kaufman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB673 - I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/ revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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Martha Cheng	Individual	Support	No

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David	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Daniel Costigan	Individual	Support	No

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Richard Camp	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Misaki	Individual	Support	No

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Kristen Teranishi	Individual	Support	No

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Lloyd Oshiro	Individual	Support	No

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Yubin Sol	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Larson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I testify in strong support of HB673. 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, resulting in a child dying while in their care, before deciding not to place our child with this individual. Empowering the State to provide more oversight and more forcefully remove bad actors from providing child care is an essential protection that needs to be strengthened, and HB 673 is a powerful step in the right direction. 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.

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Jennifer Kiyoko Camp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GI support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis. This is of personal importance as a caregiver I know has had a sexual assault investigation historically but was cleared. I know one of the children and believe the child's version of events. Unfortunately the caregiver has been cleared to reopen her business, but the details of the investigation, under current conditions? Will not be available to future children's parents. This is deeply disturbing that cycles like this are allowed to continue with the current laws.

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Christina Leopold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We recently experienced a complete lack of information regarding the closure of the daycare my two year old was attending. While my son was considered a victim by CWS, and closed by DHS, no one would tell us why. It turns out, the complaint was sexual abuse, and we were unable to get that information from anyone other than the complainant! How can my son be a victim, but not know what of? I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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Dr. Carol Nowak	Individual	Support	No

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anne ogomori	Individual	Support	No

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Adam Vorsino	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse Eiben	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I broadly support the new language in the bill which supports a committee to oversee and methods of public disclosure. However, I do not support the language indicating 'complaints' are made public, as this can lead to incorrect information presented in the public and could cause a good child care facility to get a bad reputation from one terrible complaint without merit. I suggest a single extra language correction (section 346-153) to ensure that complaints are vetted for merit before a public notice is placed regarding the complaint. Every other part of this bill is necessary.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Prior	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karl Magnacca	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of this measure, public disclosure is important for parental decision making.

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Melissa Jones	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Koehler	Individual	Support	No

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Kimi Makaiau	Individual	Support	No

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Leah Laramée	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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Kelly Kozar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Trevino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the proposed requirement for the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis. I strongly support this bill and applaud the legislators who have introduced it, and scheduled it for hearing. In my estimation, there is no devastation like that of losing a child. And our state needs to take all reasonable steps to protect its children and its parents, two groups of people so essential to the social fabric of our community. These groups look to the State of Hawaii for protection, protection that the state is in a unique an critical position to provide. Thank you for supporting this effort to do so.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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 the Dept. of Human Services to post on a public website records relating to child care facility deficiencies, complaints of violations, corrective actions taken relating to permit issuance/suspension/revocation, results of investigations and resolution of complaints. And I support that these same data be included in an annual report to the legislature, to ensure that both legislators and the public have the opportunity to review and evaluate DHS oversight of child care facilities on an annual basis. We need more transparency and accountability to ensure that our children received quality care in safe environments. The woman caring for my oldest child was found to be breaching DHS policy of caring for no more than 6 children. She was found to be caring for 10-14 children at the time a young baby named Wiley died. This was a tragedy that could have been prevented. We are so thankful that our daughter is safe and healthy now but I can only imagine the pain that Wiley's parents are going through. Finding out that this woman who was caring for our child completely betrayed our trust and put children in danger is heartbreaking and has traumatized our family. She has not been held completely accountable for her actions and other parents who may ask her to care for her children will not be able to know about her trouble history. As a mother, I wish that other parents and authorities who may have seen these warning signs and knew of her tendency to break DHS policies was able to inform us before we entrusted her to care for our daughter. I hope that this bill will help ensure parents are fully able to make informed decisions of who takes care of their children. This is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly and we need this bill to protect our children and families. Mahalo.

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Melissa Dean	Individual	Support	No

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Dustin Wolkis	Individual	Support	No

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Noelani Takayesu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Noelani Takayesu and I am a mother to a young daughter and I am expecting another daughter in April of this year. While preparing to send my daughter to a group childcare home in 2015, I encountered a Department of Human Services licensed childcare provider who routinely engaged deceptive, unsafe and unsanitary practices within her home while caring for children which ultimately resulted in the death of 4 month old Wiley King. Upon further investigating this provider and engaging in a lengthy and unfruitful bankruptcy proceeding where myself and 27 other families have lost out on a total of \$43,000. I believe that there should be a public database that parents can access to ensure they have chosen a trustworthy and compliant caretaker. HB673 is a necessary step that must be taken to ensure that childcare providers who do not comply with state laws are listed on a public database. There is an expectation that when the Department of Human Services awards a license to childcare facilities that the provider(s) will follow the laws of the State of Hawaii that are in place for many reasons. Childcare providers can and should be held to a high standard when they are entrusted with the care and safety of our most vulnerable population, the keiki of Hawaii. I thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of HB673.

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william muir	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge the legislature to pass HB673, HB674, and HB684 to protect children in daycare. When a young parent drops their child or children off at daycare so they can go to work, they trust their children will be alive and well at the end of the workday when they come to pick them up. For this to occur, sufficient rules and regulations concerning safe operation of daycare facilities must be in place and enforced to protect children. Several years ago, our four month old grandson was dropped off at a Honolulu daycare facility and did not survive. This has been devastating to their parents and extended family, as you can imagine. Had HB673, 674, and 684 been in place, this death may not have occurred. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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george fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Cindy Fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Krista Anderson	Individual	Support	No

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Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

January 31, 2017

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

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

Re: **HB 673 – Relating to Child Care Facilities**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329, February 1, 2017, 9:30 AM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support the intent of HB 673 – Relating to Child Care Facilities

HCAN supports the intention to provide safe, regulated child care. By providing transparency of the inspections through posting them online and a legislative report, the public can make better-informed choices. To post online in a public-friendly manner, the reports need to be searchable and up to date.

However, we feel that creating a new oversight committee is not necessary to implement this process. There is an existing Childcare Advisory Board that advises DHS. The composition of the existing Advisory Board closely mirrors the proposed oversight committee and we believe that its scope could be expanded. The publication and sharing of childcare information is a department project that can be completed with the assistance of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. A funding allocation to develop the online portal should be included as part of this bill.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee pass this bill with an amendment to remove the creation of the oversight committee. Please match the amendments that were added to the companion bill SB 511.

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>.