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March 13, 2017

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

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

Re: **HB 918 HD 1– Relating to Early Intervention**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229, March 15, 2017, 9:00 AM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to strongly support HB 918 HD 1 – Relating to Early Intervention.

HCAN supports the intention to develop an electronic system to track and monitor the progress of early intervention services for infants and toddlers who have a developmental delay or at biological risk for developmental delays.

By providing a system that can track the services and progress of each child being served, better coordinated services need to be provided to help generate better outcomes for the children and families, such as improvements in verbal abilities and overall cognitive performance as well as community benefits such as fewer arrests and lower school dropout rates. Many of these children and their families will require a lifetime of care and support.

The current tracking system is paper-based, outdated, and lacks web-based capability for retrieving/updating real-time data, accessibility from multiple locations, and generating reports and billing. Web-based systems have become the norm around the country, currently 34 states have implemented them.

To be able to coordinate statewide the 20 service providers and approximately 3,500 children each year receiving services, a web-based system is vital for efficiency and delivery of quality services.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee pass this bill.

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 Hawaii Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2017policyagenda>.

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Testimony for CPH on Mar 15, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Tamura	COC Persons with Disabilities	Support	No

Comments: The Chamber of Commerce for Persons with Disabilities - Hawaii fully supports & recommends the passing of HB 918

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