



Hawaii
Children's Action Network
Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

January 29, 2017

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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

Re: **SB 511 – Relating to Child Care Facilities**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016, January 30, 2017, 2:45 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support the intent of SB 511 – 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.

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>.

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| Javier Mendez-Alvarez | Individual | Support | No |

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| William R Smith | Individual | Support | No |

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