

Ebrury 15, 201 RE: H.B. No. 875

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 875 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CHILD CARE LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify and strengthen the law relating to exemptions from child care program licensing requirements.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Clarifies that child care programs licensed or certified by the United States Department of Defense that are located on federal property are exempt from Department of Human Services child care licensing requirements; and
- (2) Requires child care programs licensed by the Hawaii Council of Private Schools to apply for and receive an exemption to the Department of Human Services child care licensing requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Executive Office on Early Learning, and Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.

The Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.



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Your Committee finds that the schools and child care programs licensed or certified by the United States Department of Defense are located on federal property and are beyond the Department of Human Services' jurisdiction over child care facilities. Requiring state licensing of these facilities presents an administrative burden that provides no significant protection to the public.

Your Committee further finds that authorizing child care programs licensed by the Hawaii Council of Private Schools to apply for an exemption to the Department of Human Services child care licensing requirements, by demonstrating comparable or more stringent licensing standards, will ensure high quality programs for Hawaii's youth while increasing the efficiency of the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 875 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 975	Committee Referral: HUS, CPC, JUD Z			2/13/13	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)					
2. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (VC)	1				
3. BELATTI, Della Au	V.				
4. BROWER, Tom	1				
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.					
6. CACHOLA, Romy M.					
7. CARROLL, Mele					
8. EVANS, Cindy					
9. HAR, Sharon E.				1	
10. ITO, Ken					
11. LEE, Chris	/				
12. TSUJI, Clift					
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.					
14. MCDERMOTT, Bob					
15. THIELEN, Cynthia		· · ·			
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TOTAL (15)	P			5	
The recommendation is:  I Adopted  Not Adopted    If joint referral					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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