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From: Katherine Murphy, Executive Director Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC)

Date: Monday, March 18, 2013

Subject: SB 1106, SD2, Relating to Exemptions From Child Care Licensing

Senate Bill 1106, Senate Draft 2, would add exemptions for any child care program licensed by the United States Department of Defense and the Hawaii Council of Private Schools to be exempt from licensing by the Department of Human Services. HAEYC respectfully <u>opposes</u> this bill in its current form. The Department of Human Services child care licensing process is more than sufficient in ensuring the basic health and safety for our youngest keiki. The additional licensing methods suggested in SB 1106, SD2, have the potential to complicate the licensing process and place an additional burden on the Department.

HAEYC would like to continue to be a positive contributor to ongoing policy conversations about Hawaii's children. Our volunteers and staff would be happy to provide you with more information to facilitate your decision-making. Please contact us at (808) 942-4708 or <u>haeyc@hawaiiaeyc.org</u>.

HAEYC represents nearly 1,000 members who are early childhood development and educational professionals across the state.

HAEYC's mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawaii's children (0-8) and their families.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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