

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 3, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 684

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 684 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the Safe Sleep Policy by requiring:

- (1) Child care operators and employees to place a child less than a year of age on the child's back for sleeping unless a written waiver is obtained and to complete training in safe sleep practices annually;
- (2) Child care operators to discuss the policy with the child's parent or legal guardian before the child enrolls in the child care facility, with the parent or guardian attesting that a copy of the policy was received and discussed; and
- (3) Child care facilities to promptly report to the Department of Human Services (DHS) the death of a child less than a year of age that occurs in a child care facility.

Numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The DHS opposed this measure. The Hawaii Children's Action Network and three individuals commented on this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2075, to facilitate further discussion.

Your Committee notes that DHS is in the process of addressing issues and concerns regarding deaths associated with sudden unexpected infant death and sudden infant death syndrome through changes to its administrative rules. On January 4, 2017, DHS issued proposed amendments to Section 17-891.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Registration of Family Child Care Homes, and Section 17-895, Licensing of Infant and Toddler Child Care Centers. The public hearing on the proposed rules is scheduled for February 6, 2017.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 684, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 684, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 684	Committee Referral: HUS, JUD	Date: 2-1-2017		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORIKAWA, Dee (C)	✓			
2. TODD, Chris (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
7. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 200px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>Alan Leck</i>				
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