

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1254

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 522
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 522, S.D. 1, 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 with respect to child care facilities registered or licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS) by requiring these facilities to:

- (1) Place any child less than a year old on the child's back to sleep unless an alternate sleep position is authorized;
- (2) Discuss the Safe Sleep Policy with the child's parent or legal guardian before the child is enrolled in the facility;
- (3) Complete training in safe sleep practices; and
- (4) Report the death of a child, employee, or household member, and any illness or injury received at the



facility to DHS within one working day of the occurrence.

Numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health, DHS, Hawaii Children's Action Network, and two individuals commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2090, to facilitate further discussion.

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 S.B. No. 522, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 522, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



