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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO COLLABORATE TO DRAFT PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE STRONGER PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT INJURIES AND DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF LICENSED OR REGISTERED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

1 WHEREAS, parents and guardians rely on child care providers
2 to properly take care of their children while at work, running
3 errands, or attending an event that requires time away from
4 their child; and

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6 WHEREAS, parents and guardians who enroll their children at
7 care child facilities trust that their child's safety, well-
8 being, and health are a priority; and

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10 WHEREAS, about four hundred registered family child care
11 homes and six licensed group child care homes are registered in
12 the State; and

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14 WHEREAS, there have been recent events of children being
15 injured and even killed under the protection of child care
16 providers; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services reported thirty
19 alleged violations of child care laws or regulations and seven
20 confirmed cases in 2015 and forty-three alleged violations of
21 child care laws or regulations and ten confirmed, including one
22 case of an injured child, in 2016; and

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24 WHEREAS, these recent events have revealed the need for
25 stronger deterrents to ensure that children in licensed child
26 care homes are properly being taken care for; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of the
4 Attorney General, Department of Human Services, Office of the
5 Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and
6 Honolulu Police Department are requested to:

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8 (1) Collaborate to draft proposed legislation to provide
9 stronger protections to prevent injuries and deaths of
10 children under the care of licensed or registered
11 child care providers;
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13 (2) Consult with community stakeholders on proposed
14 legislation; and
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16 (3) Submit proposed legislation to the Legislature no
17 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the
18 Regular Session of 2019; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Attorney
22 General, Director of Human Services, Prosecuting Attorney of the
23 City and County of Honolulu, and Chief of Police of the Honolulu
24 Police Department.
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OFFERED BY:

