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## SENATE 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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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,  
30 that the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Human  
31 Services, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and



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County of Honolulu, and Honolulu Police Department are requested to:

- (1) 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;
- (2) Consult with community stakeholders on proposed legislation; and
- (3) Submit proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Attorney General, Director of Human Services, Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department.

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