STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii February 15

H.B. No. 1650 RE: H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1650 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow parents or guardians to access findings of investigations conducted by the Department of Human Services (Department) relating to child abuse or neglect that occurred within a group child care home or group child care center. This measure also authorizes disclosure of any investigation that involves a finding that a felony or misdemeanor has been committed to any person.

Parents and Children Together, The Queen's Health Systems, Sounds of Success Preschool and Learning Center, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Human Services and Department of the Attorney General provided comments.

Your Committee notes the confidentiality concerns raised by the Department regarding allegations of child abuse or neglect that are not confirmed by the Child Welfare Services Branch of the Department and immediately expunged.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the type and scope of information that the Department may release in order to protect confidentiality;
- (2) Removing the provision that specified that any investigation involving a finding of a felony or misdemeanor may be disclosed;
- (3) Clarifying that names and identifying information of all individuals are protected from disclosure; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1650, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1650, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

OHN M. MIZUNO, Chai



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1650	Committee Referral: HHS, JVD		>	Date: 2-13-18	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
HHS Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR) Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)			•		
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)					
3. BELATTI, Della Au		ALI 1 M. MR. Repetition & N. T.			
4. LEARMONT, Lei R.					
5. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.					
3. TOTOLA, Anutia I.L.					
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TOTAL (5)		4	_	_	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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