STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2267

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2875

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2875 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal language that requires child care providers to disclose a summary of information relating to liability insurance coverage to parents and guardians applying for child care at a child care facility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Kuliouou Child Care, Precious Little Ones Child Day Care, Keiki Ohana Daycare, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the intent of Act 161, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, was to strengthen minimum standards on child care to improve the health and safety of children by requiring child care providers to obtain and maintain liability insurance coverage. Your Committee further finds that survey responses from child care providers indicate that home-based child care providers are considering not registering with the Department of Human Services due to the new insurance requirement, citing concerns over the disclosure of what they believe to be confidential information and concerns of being targeted for lawsuits once the amounts of liability coverage of each provider are disclosed.

This measure will allow the Department additional time to establish child care insurance coverage rules and policies that satisfy all child care providers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing language that requires the Department of Human Services to determine an amount of liability insurance coverage required to be obtained and maintained by child care providers;
- (2) Amending Act 161, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, to extend the implementation and enforcement deadline to allow the Department additional time to establish new rules and policies for liability insurance for child care providers; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2875, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2875, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

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

JOSH GREEN. Chair

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