

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1346

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Exempting from child care regulations persons who place or care for children entering the United States for medical care.

Sponsors: By Representatives Dickerson, Tokuda, Kenney, Kagi and Santos.

House Committee on Children & Family Services
Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

Background:

Agencies that arrange for, or directly provide, out-of-home care to children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities are licensed by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). Licensed entities include family day care providers, day care centers, group care facilities, crisis residential centers, and family foster homes.

Entities exempt from licensing for the provision of out-of-home placement include relatives of children, expectant mothers or persons with developmental disabilities, boarding schools, seasonal camps, and families who host international exchange students.

Organizations that bring international children to the United States temporarily for medical care, and the families who host these children, are not exempted from licensing.

Summary:

Organizations that provide placement or similar services to international children who are in the United States on medical care visas, and host families for these children, are exempt from licensing by the DSHS.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 93 0

Senate 49 0

Effective: July 22, 2001