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To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Blake Oshiro, Co-Chair
House Judiciary Committee

RE: **SB 427 SD 1** Relating to child passenger safety

Committee Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Co-Chair Rep. Blake Oshiro and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, (HAAP), **supports SB 427 SD 1**, which requires children ages four through seven years to be placed in a booster seat when traveling in a motor vehicle.

In 2000, the Hawaii State Legislature took the first necessary step in ensuring that all children under eighteen years of age are secured in seat belts by passing ACT 294. Under Hawaii's Law, children under four years of age are required to be properly secured in child safety seats.

Children under 8 years of age are generally too small for an adult seat belt. Lap belts and shoulder belts place children at risk for abdominal and neck injuries. Children four through seven years of age need to be properly secured in a booster seat to be fully protected by seat belts and avoid serious injuries.

HAAP believes that booster seats should be the standard of safety for all children four through seven years old in Hawaii, we strongly urge you to **support SB 427 SD 1**.

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