

Chair and members of the committee, my name is Tristan Kennedy. I am testifying here today because I am **in opposition of House Bill Number 1119.**

I am in opposition of this bill because there are revisions that need to be made before coming into law.

The first revision that I would like to point out is the sanitary conditions that care providers have to provide for the children in their care. According to Playto, “maintaining proper sanitization procedures is crucial to ensure a safe and hygienic environment for children.” Children are very curious, so they are constantly touching different items to help understand and identify what they are. According to the CDC, “Keeping early care and education settings clean helps prevent harmful germs from spreading among children and staff.” Keeping children healthy and safe needs to be a main priority for care providers.

The second revision that I would like to point out is how the care provider does not need to be certified in infant and pediatric CPR. Although infants usually have healthy hearts, there can still be crisis situations where their hearts do stop. This is why it can be vital for a care provider to know CPR. According to the American Heart Association, “by learning the skills of CPR and choking relief you can be better prepared to save a life.” If care providers have to be certified in CPR, they will be better equipped to handle a crisis situation. There is a 90% mortality rate for infants and children that receive out of hospital CPR. Although child care providers are not trained in the medical field, it is better for them to be educated and know how to perform CPR, rather than just wait for help to arrive. According to ChildCareEd, “certification in CPR instills a sense of confidence and preparedness in childcare providers.” When the childcare providers are confident in their abilities to handle difficult situations, they will be better able to remain calm and help the child in need.

This is why I believe that you should **be in opposition of House Bill Number 1119.**

I stand for questions.

I thank you for your time.