

HCS HB 339 -- RECORDS OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST CHILD CARE FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Kelley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and Procedure by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 339.

Currently, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is required to keep a record of substantiated complaints against licensed child care facilities. This bill prohibits the Department from releasing information to the public about the individuals who make the complaints.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is similar to HB 2159 (2024) and HB 74 (2023).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: This bill would protect the identities of persons who are reporting actual or alleged wrongdoing at child care facilities, and who are simply acting with the best interest of the children in the care of these facilities.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Kelley.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced in person to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.