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**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 672, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1,
RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Hon. Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hon. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Hon. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 30, 2017, 9:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Honorable Chair Baker, Chair Tokuda, and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 350 members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of House Bill 672, HD 2, SD 1, relating to school-based health services.

Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn is a partnership between UH Mānoa Nursing and the Hawai'i Department of Education that expands school-based health services based on a complex area's student demographics and available support services. The program advances screening for treatable health conditions, provides referral to primary health care and patient centered medical home services, prevents and controls communicable diseases, and offers emergency care for illness or injury.

To succeed academically, students must be well nourished and medically fit. As the UH-Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene notes, the evidence is clear that:

- Hunger, chronic illness, or physical and emotional abuse, can lead to poor school performance;
- Health-risk behaviors such as substance use, violence, and physical inactivity are consistently linked to academic failure and often affect students' school attendance, grades, test scores, and ability to pay attention in class; and
- School based health programs decrease dismissal from school and chronic absenteeism.

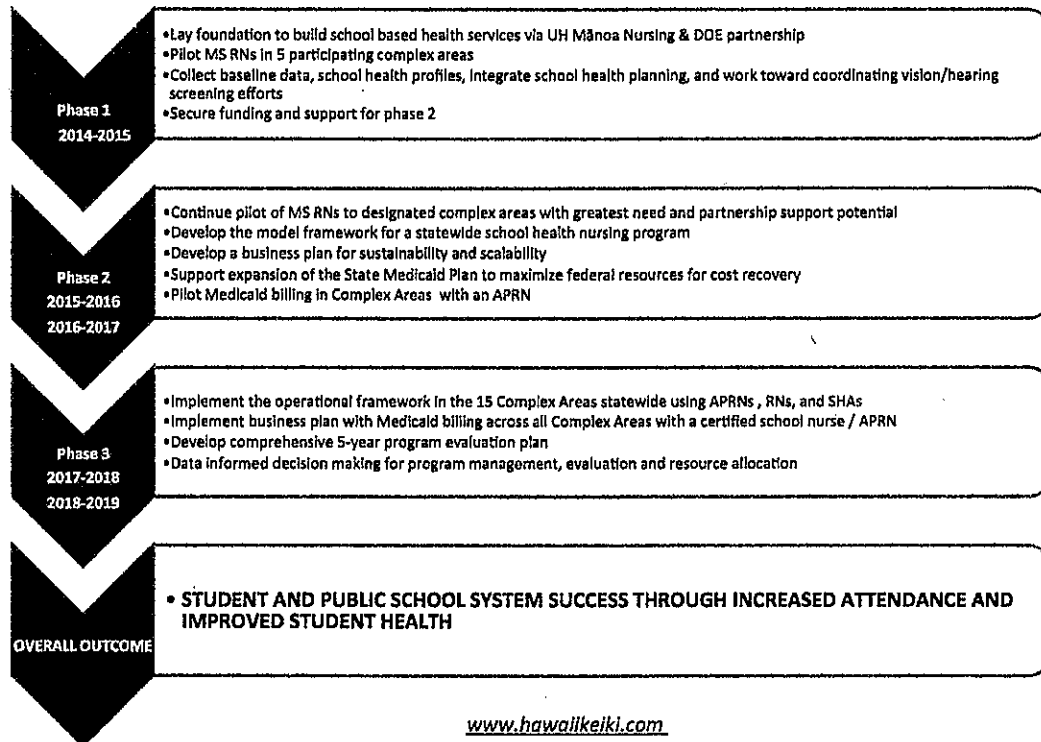
According to the program's timeline, Hawai'i Keiki is entering Phase 3 of its implementation. During the 2017-2019 biennium, it will extend its operational framework across 15 complex areas, institute a business plan with Medicaid billing for all complex areas, and develop a comprehensive 5-year program evaluation plan.

HAWAI'I KEIKI

UH Mānoa Nursing with Hawai'i Department of Education



Timeline 2014 to 2019



When we fund our children's health, we fund our future. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Executive Director
IMUAlliance

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I am a family nurse practitioner, assistant professor, and private practice business owner. I was raised here and am now fortunate enough to be raising my own keiki on Oahu, and can tell you both personally and professionally how important health services are to our keikis' development. I have seen first hand the positive impact that school health services led by school nurses can have. It's been my long held belief that there is nothing more important than supporting our keiki –wellness is an essential element of that equation. When our keiki are well, there's no limit to what they can accomplish, and our communities grow stronger as a result. Ultimately, the entire state benefits from doing what's right and taking care of our keiki. Remember that age-old adage, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure? An investment in our keiki today will pay off many times over in the years to come. I strongly support the establishment of sustained State support for the Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn program.

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