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Committee: House Lower & Higher
Education
House Health

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0984, SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES.

Purpose of Bill: Includes advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority in the list of health care professionals authorized to administer medication to public school students. Requires administration of the medication to be approved by the department of health or other on-campus, school based, health care provider pursuant to a written agreement with the department of education. (SD1)

Department's Position:

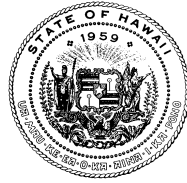
The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 0984, SD1, provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOE approved budget.

To provide safe learning environments that support student well-being, the Department is partnering with licensed professionals to increase access to health services on campus. Ongoing collaboration with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program, the Department of Health (DOH) Public Health Nurses (PHNs), and other primary and specialty healthcare providers has helped to address student absenteeism and facilitate better self-management of chronic health conditions, such as asthma, that might otherwise make it difficult for children to fully participate in class activities.

This bill is in alignment with the Department's SH 36 request and authorization form to administer medication (Form SH 36 - Request to Store and Administer Emergency Rescue Medications and Daily, Routine, Scheduled Medications, as Applicable).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB984_SD1
RELATED TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

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REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 12, 2019

Room Number: 309

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SB 984 SD1. This bill
3 specifically adds “advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority pursuant to
4 457-8.6” to those practitioners who can prescribe medication for public school students that will
5 be administered by school health assistants (SHAs). SB 984 SD1 also allows an on-campus,
6 school-based, health care provider to review medications that will be administered by SHAs,
7 pursuant to a written agreement with the Department of Education (DOE).

8 Some schools have a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) on campus
9 through written agreements with the Department of Education (DOE), such as school-based
10 health centers from the Federally Qualified Health Centers and the Hawai`i Keiki: Healthy and
11 Ready to Learn (HK) Program. These school-based health centers and HK APRNs should be
12 able to prescribe and have SHA’s administer medication without further review. This bill would
13 also enable school-based, licensed health staff through a written agreement with DOE, to
14 approve medication requests provided by clinicians outside the school system that would be
15 administered by SHAs. Without the amendments proposed by this bill, only DOH can review
16 medications that will be administered by SHAs.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Lower & Higher Education
and

House Committee on Health
Tuesday March 12, 2019 at 2:15 p.m.

by

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SB 984 SD1 – RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Chairs Woodson and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Hashem, Perruso, and Kobayashi, and members of the House Committees on Lower and Higher Education and Health:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB 984 SD1. This bill aims to amend the education statute relating to school-based medication administration to improve access to prescribed medications for children enrolled in and attending public schools. The current statute requires Department of Health (DOH) to approve provider prescribed and parent supplied medication before medication can be taken in school. The intent of this bill, in its current form, is to expand approval authority to the increasing number of organizations partnering with the Department of Education (DOE) to improve school attendance.

The presence of school-based licensed health care professionals, including advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and registered nurses (RNs), decreases absenteeism and time away from class of children with acute and chronic conditions, increases parents' and caregivers' time at work, and principals' and teachers' instructional time. Beginning in 2015, the Hawai'i Legislature support enabled Hawai'i Keiki (School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene) to provide at least one school based APRN (15) to each DOE Complex Area and three RNs to selected high need schools on four islands. These licensed professionals are highly skilled and can approve such medication administration.

Hawai'i Keiki and those school based health centers that partner with DOE are adding on-campus licensed professionals to the team dedicated to improving the success of our schools and students. However, HRS Section 302A-853 relating to DOE requires

that for physician ordered and parent approved medication to be given or self-administered during the school day, the prescription must be approved by the DOH. This measure amends the statute to expand resources to the DOE to approve medication administration in school by:

- including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to the list of professions who may prescribe medication at school; and
- expanding the medication administration approval authority beyond the DOH to include DOE recognized school based health providers.

This proposed legislation will allow school based health care entities with formal agreements with the DOE to approve timely and efficient administration of prescribed medications so children can attend school.

Therefore, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene respectfully requests that SB 984 SD1 pass as written. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, nursing, and school-based health care services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Lower & Higher Education
and**

**House Committee on Health
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 2:15 a.m.**

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
SB 984, SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

Chair Woodson, Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committees on Lower & Higher Education and Health:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 984, SD1 as it relates to advanced practice registered nurses (APRNS). The Center wishes to provide testimony as it relates to Section 1 part (2) of this measure.

This bill aims to amend the education statute relating to school-based medication administration to improve access to prescribed medications for children enrolled in and attending public schools. The current statute requires Department of Health (DOH) to approve provider prescribed and parent supplied medication before medication can be taken in school.

In its great wisdom, the Hawai'i State Legislature recognized by Act 169, SLH 2009, that APRNs may serve as primary care providers, and by Act 110, SLH 2011, that all Hawai'i hospitals should allow APRNs to practice the full scope of practice allowed under the Hawai'i Nurse Practice Act and granted APRN full prescriptive authority. Since this time, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing has worked with the State Legislature, government and community stakeholders to identify remaining barriers to APRN practice, with the end goal of ensuring timely, high quality care for the people of Hawaii, with particular emphasis in addressing healthcare access inequities in vulnerable populations including women, children, low-income, and geographically remote. Today, there has been significant growth in the readily available APRN workforce, with over 100% growth since 2005 and APRNs working in all regions that people live in Hawai'i.

This measure proposes to include APRNs to the list of professions whose prescribed medications may be administered at schools, so long as the prescription is approved by the parent /caregiver and identified as necessary for the health of the child and for the child to attend school. This proposed statute change will enable the available APRN workforce who provide care to school aged children to work with parents and caregivers to support the child's short- and long-term health and reduce health-related barriers to learning.

Therefore, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing supports the language as it relates to APRN practice. The Center defers to the Department of Education on the other parts of this measure. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, access to healthcare, and nursing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Yes

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Testimony for LHE on 3/12/2019 2:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Yokouchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for LHE on 3/12/2019 2:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 9:10:05 AM

Testimony for LHE on 3/12/2019 2:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Vote NO. I oppose school based health services. Schools are for learning, not health care. Schools need to focus on their primary mission -- instilling knowledge in our youth. It is no surprise that education costs keep rising as mission creep dillutes the primary reason for schools. Parents should list the types of "emergencies" that care would be allowed or not be allowed. Parents are the guardians of their minor children, not school administrators or school health professionals. Parents may not consider some situations "emergencies". Parents must always be contacted prior to taking action. If parents cannot be contacted and it is an emergency, 911 should be called and the medical emergency addressed in a medical facility. Do not pass this bill.