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Date: 02/22/2023

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: CR 211 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0830, SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE.

Purpose of Bill: Requires each Department of Education school to establish a critical medical emergency response team. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 0830, SD1, and provides comments. The Department notes that this bill may be unnecessary.

The bill requires the Department to expand on what is already in place. However, if this bill continues to move forward, the Department requests that funding is provided as CPR/first aid training and certification are required on a biennial (every two years) basis. Funding will also be vital in procuring additional first aid kits, Automated External Defibrillators, communications devices (e.g., alert buttons, radios, public address systems, etc.), and other resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2023 3:36:33 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/22/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and grandparent with children who teach and go to Hawaii public schools I totally support this bill as written!

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Submitted on: 2/18/2023 7:56:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/22/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Loria	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support emergency medical response in public schools. I am a mother of a 6yr old attending public school, I don't feel safe unless this is in place

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Submitted on: 2/20/2023 11:27:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/22/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marissa Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a nurse and mother of young children, I feel it is important for schools to be able to practice and have the appropriate resources to respond to medical emergencies. Response time in providing aid is crucial to ensuring the individual experiencing the medical emergency is able to survive and/or return to their baseline of health. In a school setting, those who would be able to provide help the quickest, would be those who were already on campus. This is why it is essential that schools be equipped with the knowledge, training, and resources to provide aid until further help can arrive.

UPDATED: February 20, 2023

TO: Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Ways and Means (WAM) Committee

RE: SB830 SD1
Critical Medical Emergency Response in the Hawai'i Department of Education Public Schools

Mahalo nui for your responsivity to this matter.

If you're able, please see our original testimony on this legislation, we stand by it.

While this process for our family has been somewhat overwhelming, we are so grateful that this bill has been taken seriously. We are "systems" people. We did not take the implementation considerations of this bill lightly. We knew that schools would require help, but felt it was very reasonable considering the guidance offered.

We would like to strongly suggest that appropriate funding be allocated in consideration of the following factors:

- All schools will need to develop unique teams (which includes meeting, planning, and training).
- All schools will need a method to communicate across their campuses (such as PA systems, walkie-talkies, etc.).
- All schools will need to practice (add drills to demonstrate that plans work, and response times support critical response).
- All schools will need support (from their administrations, their districts, their leaders).

We had no idea the course that this would take our family on when we decided to push for this (*and apologize that we still don't quite fully understand all of the procedures and are more than happy to take consult*), but it has grown to become something that we have so see through. For our keiki, for your keiki, for all our mo'opūna. For the people that dedicate their lives to educating our children. We are now so grateful that this happened to our family and can be proud that our legislators believe prevention is a real and important guiding force in leadership.

There is so much in this world that we cannot control, but there are some things that we can. Providing support, guidance, and resources to school campuses to be prepared to literally SAVE A LIFE, if the time ever comes, is something we do have control over, and we can do it right now.

Again, we thank you so much for your commitment to the service of the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui,

Amanda & Kainoa Luning

Public School Parents, Local Public Servants

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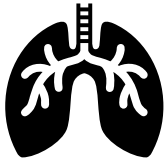
Please Support
Critical Medical Emergency
Response Plans
In Hawai‘i’s Public Schools
HB942 & SB830



Unintentional
accident/injury related
death remains the
leading cause in the
United States for person
ages 1-44. ⁽³⁾



“CPR, especially if
administered immediately
after cardiac arrest, can
double or triple a person’s
chance of survival.” ⁽¹⁾



“Choking can
kill an
individual
within minutes,
and quick
intervention is
needed to save
the victim’s
life.” ⁽⁴⁾



“Although injury deaths have traditionally been
viewed as “accidents,” injury-prevention science that
evolved during the latter half of the 20th century
increasingly shows that such deaths are preventable
with evidence-based approaches.” ⁽²⁾

1) <https://cpr.heart.org/en/resources/cpr-facts-and-stats>

2) Cunningham RM, Walton MA, Carter PM. The major causes of death in children and adolescents in the United States. *N Engl J Med* 2018;379:2468-2475.

3) <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/data/lcd/home>

4) <https://www.abc10.com/article/news/family-childs-choking-death-at-school-could-have-been-prevented/103-398868292>



February 21, 2023

TO: Senate Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SUBJECT: SB830 S.D.1 – RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE

HEARING: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 10:00AM
Via Videoconference, State Capitol, CR 211

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Caitlen Tacadena. I am a student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa majoring in Social Work at the Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health. I am testifying in **strong support** of Senate Bill 830 S.D.1. The purpose of this bill is to require all Department of Education schools to establish a critical medical emergency response team.

Per 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, schools are required to implement a 180-day school year, equivalent to approximately 1080 hours of students being on campus. Students spend a large amount of time at school; it only takes *seconds* for a medical emergency to occur, and if not attended to immediately and properly, it could result in serious health complications or even the loss of a life.

School-aged children are at high risk of accidents, injuries, and medical emergencies. Although school personnel try their best to ensure schools are a safe place for their students, medical emergencies can take place unexpectedly which is why it is crucial to be thoroughly prepared and have a medical emergency response team to handle these urgent situations with proper care.

As an individual who works with children in a school setting, **the number one priority is the safety and well-being of the child**. I firmly believe SB830 S.D. 1 will provide students in of Hawai'i the best medical care possible to prevent emergencies from turning into serious health issues or untimely fatalities. The bill will reassure students and their families that their safety and well-being are prioritized above all else during school hours, during the school year, and during their academic journey.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Respectfully,

Caitlen P. Tacadena