

SCR64

Measure Title: ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MODIFY ITS MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY SO THAT ALL STUDENTS AFFECTED BY ANAPHYLAXIS WILL HAVE MORE EFFICIENT ACCESS TO AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE.

Report Title: Department of Education; Medication Administration; Auto-Injectable Epinephrine

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU, WAM

Introducer(s): DELA CRUZ, CHUN OAKLAND, GABBARD, KIDANI, Galuteria, Harimoto, Inouye, Kahele, Kouchi, Nishihara, Shimabukuro, Wakai

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| 3/10/2015 | S | Offered. |
| 3/13/2015 | S | Referred to EDU, WAM. |
| 3/13/2015 | S | The committee(s) on EDU has scheduled a public hearing on 03-18-15 1:30PM in conference room 229. |



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/18/2015
Time: 01:30 PM
Location: 229
Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

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**Purpose of
Resolution:**

Department's Position:

In recognition of the needs of students afflicted with Asthma and Anaphylaxis, the Department has developed internal policies and procedures designed to facilitate safe storage and administration of emergency rescue medication. These policies and procedures include injectable epinephrine and inhalers.

Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Public Health Nurses (PHNs) work closely with Department of Education staff volunteers, physician(s), and parents to develop an emergency action plan (EAP) for students who require the emergency administration of medication during the school day. The EAP serves as a safety plan to ensure that volunteers know how to address such medical emergencies on campus. PHNs provide training in the administration of injectable epinephrine and other rescue medications to Department of Education staff volunteers. Upon request, PHNs also provide training for school staff and Department staff volunteers on recognizing and responding to students experiencing an allergic reaction.

The Department is unable to stockpile and store emergency rescue medications in an unlocked location. First, a physician's order must be obtained by the Department to receive any amount of injectable epinephrine which is not designated for use by a specific individual. Second, the storage of such medication in an unlocked container on campus would pose a health and safety risk for other students on campus.

The Department recognizes the concerns regarding self-administration of emergency rescue medication. Together, the Department and DOH have collaboratively developed procedures to ensure children are able to administer medication independently. A physician must attest that a

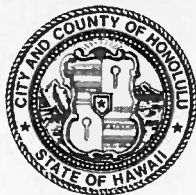
child is mature enough to self-administer medication and, as necessary, a PHN provides direct support for students who require training and guidance. In some situations, the monitoring of a student's self-administration of medication by a trained adult on campus, such as a School Health Aide, has also been deemed necessary and appropriate. For many children with lifelong medical conditions the self-administration of medication is an important life skill, since allergic reactions may occur at any time and in a range of settings.

The Department has current policies and procedures in place to address the requests made in this resolution. Thus, we respectfully submit this resolution and a report is not needed and ask this measure be held in committee. Further, the Department notes related subject legislation moving through both the Senate and House committees.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding SCR 64.

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March 18, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs
The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chairs Espero and Keith-Agaran and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28, Requesting the Honolulu Police Department to Establish a Family Violence Unit Staffed with Officers Specifically Trained to Handle All Complaints of Family Violence

I am Richard C. Schaab, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28, Requesting the Honolulu Police Department to Establish a Family Violence Unit Staffed with Officers Specifically Trained to Handle All Complaints of Family Violence.

The Honolulu Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division has a Child and Family Violence Detail that is staffed by officers who are specifically trained to handle family violence and child abuse cases. Currently, there are five female and nine male investigators assigned to the Child and Family Violence Detail.

With the limited resources that we currently have, it would not be efficient for investigators from a single unit to respond to all calls of domestic violence. Patrol officers are trained to respond to initial calls and provide service in a timely manner. Due to the dynamics and volatility of domestic violence crimes, it is imperative that we reach these victims as quickly as possible.

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The statistics for 2014 were:

- 1,632 abuse warnings
- 4,588 domestic violence cases generated
- 7,969 argument cases were responded to by patrol officers

As a police department, all officers are all equally capable of providing excellent service to the public. We do not choose personnel based on their age, ethnicity, religion, sexual preference, or gender. For those selected for specialized units, additional training is provided, including gender-sensitive training.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28 references the Houston Police Department that combined its sex crimes and family violence units and renamed it "Special Victims," who still are under the Criminal Investigations Command.

One concern is when an employee is a suspect in a domestic violence case. When employees are accused of any criminal offense, those crimes are investigated by the Professional Standards Office. In these incidents, a Professional Standards Office investigator responds to the scene and carries the investigation to prosecution.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28, Requesting the Honolulu Police Department to Establish a Family Violence Unit Staffed with Officers Specifically Trained to Handle All Complaints of Family Violence.

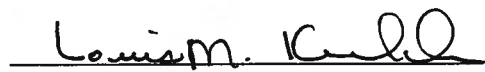
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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APPROVED:


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