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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2494**  
**RELATING TO BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING**

REPRESENTATIVE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: February 25, 2016

Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports HB 2494 and defers to the Department of  
3 Education (DOE) for issues on implementation. The purpose of this bill is to include blood  
4 glucose monitoring by the student and DOE employees and agents who volunteer to assist a  
5 student with blood glucose monitoring.

6 Public Health Nursing Branch currently provides education and training on proper administration  
7 of insulin and glucagon in the school setting. Students requiring diabetes care in the school  
8 setting are referred to a Department of Health public health nurse (PHN). The PHN completes a  
9 comprehensive assessment and develops an individual student diabetes plan. This plan, which is  
10 based on the students needs, may include education to school personnel on diabetes, blood sugar  
11 testing, insulin and glucagon administration, and emergency action plans for hyperglycemia or  
12 hypoglycemia. Training is based on the American Diabetes Association guidelines.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**Date:** 02/25/2016  
**Time:** 02:00 PM  
**Location:** 325  
**Committee:** House Judiciary

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 2494 RELATING TO BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING.

**Purpose of Bill:** Authorizes DOE employees to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HB 2494. This measure permits Department employees and agents to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring when needed. Volunteers will also receive training on proper blood glucose monitoring.

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

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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

I write in full support of **HB 2494** which clarifies the assistance that can be provided to protect and keep our keiki with diabetes medically safe at school; allowing DOE employees to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring. This housekeeping measure seeks to ensure that the original intent of the legislation is clearly codified – specifically, that the rights and protections afforded by Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §302A-1164 apply to all volunteers providing assistance with diabetes care as well as students with diabetes performing self-care.

Many school employees are being told they are unable to volunteer because there is not enough liability protection for them. This position appears to stem from a perception that certain activities that are normally associated with routine assistance to students with diabetes are not covered by (HRS) §302A-1164. While the language of that statute was never intended to be construed so strictly, HB 2494 seeks to eliminate any such ambiguity by amending the statutory language to specially include those actions. Doing so will ensure that volunteers who provide diabetes care or assistance will be fully protected from liability under HRS §302A-1164(h) and students with diabetes who are capable of performing self-care will be allowed to do so.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns or questions. I am available at [llam@diabetes.org](mailto:llam@diabetes.org) or 808.947.5979.

Sincerely,



Leslie Lam, Market Director  
American Diabetes Association



Subject: Testimony In Support of HB2494

Dear Honorable Rep. Karl Rhoads and Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Capitol

I write in support of HB2494 which clarifies the accommodations available to protect and keep our keiki with diabetes medically safe at school; allowing DOE employees to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. The ADA Hawaii Office is also available for any questions at (808) 947-5979.

Mahalo for your time!

Catalina Cross  
Director of Pharmacy  
Times Supermarket  
1620 N. School Street  
Honolulu, HI 96707

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Here are a few photos of the children and families whose lives will be impacted by this bill:



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Mahalo for your time!

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Comments:

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Aloha,

I'm in support of bill 2494. Our children need all the support we can give and especially those with health issues such as diabetes. This lifelong illness is not easy to manage and the more love and support and care we show our keiki the more they will thrive. It takes all of us especially those that are in contact with our kids. Protect and cherish our keiki.

Sincerely, Malia Gonsalves proud parent of a type 1 diabetic daughter

From my Android phone on T-Mobile. The first nationwide 4G network.

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## MULTIPLE TESTIFIERS

## **Multiple Testifiers – HB 2494**

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Comments: AS A MOTHER OF A DIABETIC DAUGHTER WHO HAS HAD TO GIVE HERSELF 6 SHOTS A DAY, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL!

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