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Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 329 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: House Consumer Protection
& Commerce

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1046, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Purpose of Bill: Allows the administration of medication to public school students by health assistants with the approval of a health care professional within the department of education, the department of health, or a health care service per a written agreement with the department of education. Replaces the term "school health aides" with "school health assistants" to reflect recent changes to the job title. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1046, HD1. This bill would update the position title of school health aide to school health assistant and allow the position to administer student medication with approval by a healthcare professional within the Department, Department of Health, or a health care service provider per a written agreement with the Department.

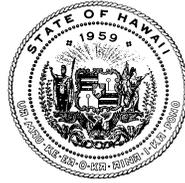
All medication requests in a public school setting are currently reviewed and must be approved by the Department of Health. Student care would be more efficient, accessible, and safe if the administration of the medication could be performed with the approval of a health care professional within the Department, Department of Health, or a health care service per a written agreement with the Department.

The current law prevents health care professionals who are already on campus from

performing the function of medication administration approval.

Should this measure pass, the Department acknowledges that new protocols would need to be developed and implemented in coordination with the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1046, HD1.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1046 HD1
RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

REPRESENTATIVE MARK NAKASHIMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

Hearing Date: February 22, 2023

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB 1046 HD1. This bill
3 expands administration of medications by school health assistants (SHAs) at school with the
4 approval of a health care professional within the Department of Education (DOE), DOH, or
5 health care service per a written agreement with the DOE. This bill also amends statutes to match
6 the existing DOE practice for administration of medication at schools. HB 1046 HD1 also
7 updates the term “school health aides” to “school health assistants” to reflect updated job titles at
8 the DOE.

9 All SHAs have first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification. The approval of
10 medications by a licensed health care professional assures the student is provided medication in a
11 safe manner by the SHA. The current process for medication approval entail 1) the parent or
12 legal guardian requesting medication in school on a DOE form, 2) the SHA submitting the form
13 to the DOH public health nurse for approval, and 3) the DOH public health nurse reviewing the
14 request for approval. The DOH public health nurse works with the student, family and health
15 care provider to assure the medication is necessary in the school setting and is complete with
16 clear information. The DOH public health nurse also determines if an emergency action action
17 plan or informational session to school staff is needed. The DOE coordinates annual training to
18 the SHAs on medication administration.

1 The DOE has expanded access to health care on campus. Many schools currently have a
2 registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or other specialized health care provider on
3 campus through written agreements with the DOE such as school-based health centers from
4 federally qualified health centers and the University of Hawai`i at Manoa School of Nursing.
5 This bill would also enable school-based, licensed healthcare staff through a written agreement
6 with DOE to approve medication requests provided by clinicians outside the school system that
7 would be administered by SHAs. Without the amendments proposed by this bill, only DOH can
8 approve medications that would be administered by SHAs.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

10 **Offered Amendments:** None.

Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
2:00 p.m.
Room 329 and via Videoconference

On the following measure:
H.B. 1046, H.D. 1, RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer for the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board limits its comments to the definition of "health care professional" included on page 4, lines 16 to 19, only.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) allow the administration of medication to public school students by health assistants with the approval of a health care professional within the department of education, the department of health, or a health care service per a written agreement with the department of education; and (2) replace the term "school health aides" with "school health assistants" to reflect recent changes to the job title.

The Board notes that on page 4, lines 16 to 19, "health care professional" means a physician, a surgeon, and other individuals licensed pursuant to chapter 453..." The Board questions whether the proponents of this measure intended to also include emergency medical personnel, which are licensed pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 453. The Board does not believe that emergency medical personnel (EMT, AEMT, or Paramedics) should be included. Instead, the Board recommends that this language should be amended to read:

(b) For purposes of this section, "health care professional" means a physician, a surgeon, and ~~other individuals~~ physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 453 and nurses licensed pursuant to chapter 457."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



**Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.
Conference Room 329 or via Videoconference**

**by
Laura Reichhardt, APRN, AGPCNP-BC
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

Testimony in Strong Support for H.B. 1046, H.D. 1

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony **in strong support** of this measure, H.B. 1046, H.D. 1, which aims to allow the administration of medication to public school students by health assistants with the approval of a health care professional within the Department of Education, Department of Health, or a health care service per a written agreement with the Department of Education.

Section 3 proposes to expand the qualified workforce authorized to approve medication administration on school grounds to include health care professionals within the department of education, department of health, or health care service as defined in section 323D-2 per a written agreement with the department of education. In this section, health care professionals include Registered Nurses (RNs). Registered Nurses have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform this duty and are present in school environments. In 2021, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) found in the nursing workforce supply survey that approximately 270 RNs (11%) and 60 APRNs (9%) reported working in a school health room/clinic.

HSCN reviewed section 5, which appears to ensure alignment with Chapter 457 relative to terminology changes proposed in sections 2 and 4.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing urges you to pass this measure through your committee. Thank you for the dedication and care for healthcare workers and the people in Hawai'i.

The mission of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing is that through collaborative partnerships, the Center provides accurate nursing workforce data for planning, disseminates nursing knowledge to support excellence in practice and leadership development, promotes a diverse workforce, and advocates for sound health policy to serve the changing health care needs of the people of Hawai'i.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

by

Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep, Interim Dean
Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing

and

Michael Bruno, Provost
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 1046 HD1 – RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony **in strong support** of this measure, HB 1046 HD1, which aims to allow the administration of medication to public school students by health assistants with the approval of a health care professional within the Department of Education, Department of Health, or a health care service per a written agreement with the Department of Education.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing (NAWSON) partnered with the Department of Education in 2014 to instill the school nursing program by placing advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in each complex area. The Legislature, recognizing the great importance of ensuring children are healthy and ready to learn, supported this program by allocating state funds to ensure that children enrolled in Hawai'i's public school system may access school nursing care. Today, the program, Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn, has 51 nurses, including APRNs and registered nurses, serving each complex, and school health technicians who support the Hawai'i Keiki program in 171 schools. In quarters 1 and 2 of this school year (fall semester 2022), Hawai'i Keiki RNs and APRNs conducted 9,112 in person visits and 272 virtual visits for illness or injury. The Hawai'i Keiki nurses are well positioned throughout the state to support review of medication requests to assess the appropriateness to be administered on school grounds.

The Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program is nearing a decade of established school nursing care within the department's public education system and is confident that this law change, as well as resulting modifications to existing departmental processes and protocols will lead to an improvement in access to healthcare and quality of care for Hawai'i's children. Secondly, NAWSON is confident in Hawai'i Keiki's ability to support these new processes and protocols related to approvals of medication administration on school grounds.

It is with great pleasure that NAWSON partners with the department in the delivery of school nursing care so that the teachers, staff, and principals can focus on their exemplary education.

NAWSON respectfully requests favorable consideration of this measure, HB 1046 HD1.

HB-1046-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 11:55:39 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Scharnhorst	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Written Testimony Presented Before the

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.

Conference Room 329 or via Videoconference

by

Anne Scharnhorst, DNP, RN, CNE

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Anne Scharnhorst urges you to pass this measure through your committee. Thank you for the dedication and care for healthcare workers and the people in Hawai'i.

HB-1046-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 8:15:46 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
stephanie marshall	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a registered nurse for over 45 years, I strongly support this bill. In allowing the health assistants to administer medications to public school students with oversight by a health care professional will assist decreasing absenteeism and keep the children in school to continue their education. This is key for our keiki's long term success. Thank you for your attention

Very Respectfully, Stephanie Marshall RN, MS, FAAN

HB-1046-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2023 8:04:49 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Only the parents Have that Right. Not the School. If any school dose this with out the Parents Aproval should Be charge and Lock up!!!!

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Aloha,

My name is Brooke Oyadomari, and I am an intern at the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i currently attending graduate school at The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

I am in SUPPORT of H.B. No. 1046 HD1 - RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES. The Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i currently serves approximately 14,000 individuals with epilepsy which includes approximately 2,000 children. The amendments to this bill, more specifically, will allow students to receive nasal medication administered by school health assistants in case of emergencies. The nasal medication will be “including but not limited to auto-injectable epinephrine for anaphylaxis, bronchodilators for asthma, and seizure rescue medication for seizure disorders.”

These emergency responses are needed to ensure that these children are in a safer learning environment. These amendments will help to reduce the possibility of requiring action from emergency services and will also help lower the risk of life-threatening situations.

This is my earnest request for your consideration and support.

Mahalo,
Brooke Oyadomari