



GOV. MSG. NO. 1248

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2822 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO ASTHMA.
ACT 147

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ASTHMA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, according to the
2 department of health, more than one hundred ten thousand Hawaii
3 residents are living with asthma and approximately one-third of
4 those are children. This chronic respiratory disease occurs
5 most commonly among those eleven years of age and younger.
6 Every year, over five thousand people in Hawaii visit emergency
7 rooms due to asthma and another one thousand five hundred are
8 hospitalized. Infants and very young children make up the
9 majority of asthma-related medical emergencies and
10 hospitalizations. Every year, asthma costs the State
11 approximately \$4,200,000 in emergency room visits and
12 approximately \$14,000,000 in hospitalizations. Although the
13 asthma mortality rate has declined over the past ten years,
14 there was an average of twenty-two deaths per year from asthma
15 in Hawaii between 2013 and 2015.

16 The legislature further finds that published research
17 funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the
18 Journal of School Health has shown that students who engage in



1 school-based asthma education experienced significantly fewer
2 days with activity limitations and significantly fewer nights of
3 sleep disturbance after participation in the intervention. For
4 health care utilization, students reported significantly less
5 frequent emergency department visits or hospitalizations between
6 the baseline and follow-up surveys. School-based asthma
7 curriculum designed specifically for urban students has been
8 shown to reduce symptoms, activity limitations, and health care
9 utilization for intervention participants.

10 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
11 education to:

- 12 (1) Offer optional asthma education instruction to
13 students; and
14 (2) Provide teachers and other department employees asthma
15 training.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart C, to be
18 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

19 "§302A- Asthma education instruction. (a) The
20 department may offer optional asthma self-management instruction



1 to students with asthma. The instruction shall be age-
2 appropriate and the topics shall include:

3 (1) Asthma facts, physiology, and early warning signs;

4 (2) Symptoms and triggers of asthma; and

5 (3) Asthma self-management skills.

6 (b) The department may coordinate with any public or
7 private entity to provide the instruction offered under this
8 section.

9 (c) The department may use existing educational and
10 training resources available in the public and private sectors
11 when developing the instruction offered under this section."

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to part III, subpart B, to be
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15 "§302A- Asthma training. (a) The department may
16 develop and provide asthma training to teachers and other
17 department employees who interact with students. Any training
18 provided under this section shall include recognizing the
19 symptoms of asthma and asthma management.



1 (b) The department may allow parents and guardians of
2 students and any other department employee to attend the
3 training at no cost.

4 (c) The department may set the standards and frequency for
5 the training and may coordinate as necessary with any public or
6 private entity to provide the training provided under this
7 section.

8 (d) The department may use existing educational and
9 training resources available in the public and private sectors
10 when developing the training provided under this section."

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



S.B. NO. 2822
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 27th day of June , 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Iye". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop under the "y".


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2822, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

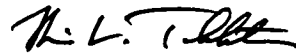
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 03, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives