
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES REGARDING THE STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL
ANTI-HISTAMINES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, student health and safety are of paramount
2 importance in Hawaii's public schools; and

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4 WHEREAS, this body recognizes that many students enrolled
5 in public schools have documented allergies that may result in
6 mild to severe allergic reactions during the school day; and

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8 WHEREAS, while state policies clearly address the storage
9 and administration of epinephrine for emergency allergy
10 response, ambiguity remains regarding the authority of schools
11 and school personnel to store and administer oral antihistamines
12 as part of a physician-directed allergy response protocol; and

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14 WHEREAS, timely access to oral antihistamines, when
15 prescribed or otherwise approved by a licensed physician or
16 authorized health care provider, may prevent escalation of
17 allergic reactions and promote student well-being; and

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19 WHEREAS, clear procedures, appropriate training, and
20 written parental or guardian consent are necessary to ensure the
21 safe and effective administration of such medications in school
22 settings; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
27 is requested to adopt policies and procedures regarding the
28 storage and administration of oral antihistamines in public
29 schools; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in adopting the policies and
2 procedures, the Department of Education is requested to:

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4 (1) Clarify and, as necessary, update policies to
5 expressly authorize public schools to store and
6 administer oral antihistamines in a secure but
7 accessible location consistent with emergency response
8 best practices;
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10 (2) Establish procedures allowing trained school personnel
11 to administer oral antihistamines to students who:
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13 (A) Have a current, individualized, physician-
14 directed allergy response protocol that
15 explicitly authorizes the use of oral
16 antihistamines on file developed by a licensed
17 physician or authorized health care provider; and
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19 (B) Have written consent from a parent or guardian
20 for storage and administration of the medication;
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22 (3) Ensure that personnel assigned to administer oral
23 antihistamines complete appropriate training that
24 includes:
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26 (A) Recognizing the signs and symptoms of allergic
27 reactions;
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29 (B) Proper administration of oral antihistamines;
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31 (C) Emergency procedures, including when to activate
32 emergency medical services; and
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34 (D) Documentation requirements; and
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36 (4) Develop standardized forms for parental consent and
37 allergy response protocols to promote consistency
38 across schools statewide; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
41 requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
42 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027 on actions



1 taken to adopt policies and procedures regarding the storage and
2 administration of oral antihistamines in public schools,
3 including any findings, recommendations, and proposed
4 legislation; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
8 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

