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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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



1 including any findings, recommendations, and proposed  
2 legislation; and

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

