

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2474

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2612

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Health and Human Services,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2612 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN  
SCHOOLS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the  
Department of Education and its employees and agents shall be  
immune from any civil or criminal liability arising from assisting  
students with the administration of medication under certain  
circumstances.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Education, Department of Health, American  
Lung Association Hawai'i; Hawaii Government Employees Association,  
AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Primary Care Association;  
Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; and one individual.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from Hawaii  
Association for Justice.

Your Committees find that school staff play a critical role  
in ensuring students with disabilities receive necessary medical  
support to attend school and participate in educational activities



as required under state and federal law. The Department of Education's protocols ensure that school staff administering medications to students only do so with an authorized, pharmacy-dispensed prescription; consent of a parent or guardian; and oversight by registered nurses. Nevertheless, school staff administering medications in good faith may face personal liability despite following proper protocols. This measure will establish liability protections for school staff administering medication in good faith, expanding student access to prescription and emergency medications.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2612 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Health and Human Services,

  
JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair

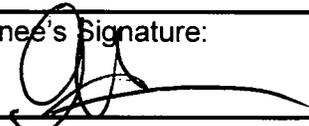
  
DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair





The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2612	EDU/HHS, JDC	2/11/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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