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Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0720, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO THE CONCUSSION PROGRAM.

Purpose of Bill: Makes an appropriation for the concussion monitoring and educational program for school athletics, concussion and awareness program for youth athletic activities, and administration of a concussion and awareness program for youth athletics. (SB720 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 720 SD1 HD1. This measure recognizes the importance of concussion educational programs for youth and concussion testing for high school student athletes, and provides funding to continue this worthy program.

The Department's multi-year collaboration with the department of kinesiology and rehabilitation science of the University of Hawaii has led to successful implementation of a concussion awareness and management program in Hawaii high school athletic programs statewide.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 720 SD1 HD1.



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Submitted to the
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SB 720 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO THE CONCUSSION PROGRAM

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Har, and members of the committee:

My name is Donald Young, and I serve as Dean of the College of Education at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I am pleased to submit written testimony in support of SB 720 SD1 HD1, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Regents Approved Biennium Budget. This measure makes an appropriation for the concussion education and monitoring program for school athletics and youth athletic activities.

Pursuant to Act 262, enacted on July 12, 2016 by Governor David Ige, the Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science, College of Education, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa provided a 2017 legislative report that expanded the scope of the concussion educational program under ACT 197 to include youth and incorporate additional program requirements. Moreover, Act 262 provided appropriations to develop and implement the concussion monitoring and educational programs and to administer concussion testing to high school student athletes.

As such, SB 720 SD1 HD1 continues the effort by the University of Hawai'i for the fiscal year 2018-2019 as follows:

- (1) Development and implementation of the concussion monitoring and educational program for school athletics required by Act 197, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, as amended by Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016;
- (2) Development and implementation of a concussion and awareness program for youth athletic activities required by Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016; and
- (3) Administration of concussion testing of high school student athletes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Testimony for SB 720 SD1 HD1

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The Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association (HATA) supports SB 720 SD1 HD1, Relating to Concussions. This bill continues concussion education and awareness to the youth sports level and creates a funding mechanism to sustain the program that was implemented with ACT 197 and its successor ACT 262. The University of Hawaii-Manoa Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Sciences Department (KRS) and the Hawaii Concussion Awareness and Management Program (HCAMP) partnered with the State Department of Health through a grant to create a program that exceeded all the requirements of ACT 197 for both public and private high schools. This program has become the standard for concussion management in our state and is now well understood and accepted by coaches, parents, and student athletes. There has been an increase in the reporting of concussions as a result of the increased awareness. An important component of the program is the utilization of a baseline and neurocognitive testing program which assists with determining when it is safe for students to return to play. These tests are reviewed by a Neuropsychologist who consults with the schools as a part of HCAMP. The funding requested in this bill would be primarily to sustain the neurocognitive testing at the secondary school and to expand educational efforts at the youth level.

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S.B. No. 720 Relating to the Concussion Program

I, Christopher Chun, Executive Director of the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (“HHSAA”), on behalf of HHSAA support S.B. No. 720 relating to the concussion program. The HHSAA governs high school varsity coaches and student-athletes. This Bill provides continued funding of its predecessor, Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. Act 262 has successfully impacted the lives of over one hundred fifty thousand student-athletes in Hawaii by ensuring all high school coaches are concussion certified, and our student-athletes are protected by baseline testing.

Class action lawsuits in Illinois and Pennsylvania on behalf of former high school student-athletes allege high schools have a duty among other things to conduct baseline testing. This is something that Hawaii high schools have provided since 2010. Moreover, this Bill ensures that Hawaii’s student-athletes will continue to be protected through 2019.

In 2016, the Parents Concussion Coalition rated Hawaii as one of only four states to be commended in taking proactive steps toward protecting its student-athletes in regards to concussion safety. This is due primarily to Act 262 and its components of mandatory baseline testing, monitoring, and education components.

S.B. No. 720 will ensure that Hawaii student-athletes are continually protected and monitored by one of the most far reaching concussion programs in the country.

About the HHSAA

Founded in 1956, the Hawaii High School Athletic Association is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) educational athletic organization exclusively dedicated to serving 96 public and independent member high schools statewide, as they work cooperatively to support and promote athletics as part of the high school education program. As the umbrella organization of high school athletics, the HHSAA operates 44 state championships in 18 different sports, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, in addition to providing professional development opportunities for coaches and athletic administrators.

For more information on the Hawaii High School Athletic Association, go to www.sportshigh.com.