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Legislative Testimony

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House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
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SB 984 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of this bill, SB 984 SD1 HD1, with amendments**. This bill aims to amend the education statute relating to school-based medication administration to improve access to prescribed medications for children enrolled in and attending public schools. The current statute requires Department of Health (DOH) to approve provider prescribed and parent supplied medication before medication can be taken in school. The intent of this bill, in its current form, is to expand approval authority to the increasing number of organizations partnering with the Department of Education (DOE) to improve school attendance.

The presence of school-based licensed health care professionals, including advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and registered nurses (RNs), decreases absenteeism and time away from class of children with acute and chronic conditions, increases parents' and caregivers' time at work, and principals' and teachers' instructional time. Beginning in 2015, the Hawai'i Legislature support enabled Hawai'i Keiki (School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene) to provide at least one school based APRN (15) to each DOE Complex Area and three RNs to selected high need schools on four islands. These licensed professionals are highly skilled and can approve such medication administration.

Hawai'i Keiki and those school based health centers that partner with DOE are adding on-campus licensed professionals to the team dedicated to improving the success of our schools and students. However, HRS Section 302A-853 relating to DOE requires that for physician ordered and parent approved medication to be given or self-administered during the school day, the prescription must be approved by the DOH.

This measure amends the statute to expand resources to the DOE to approve medication administration in school by:

- including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to the list of professions who may prescribe medication at school; and
- expanding the medication administration approval authority beyond the DOH to include DOE recognized school based health providers.

Additionally, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene asks that the **effective date that appears on page 2, line 8 be revised to “upon its approval”**.

Therefore, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene respectfully requests that SB 984 SD1 HD1 pass with the recommended amendments. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, nursing, and school-based health care services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Date: 03/20/2019
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Location: 329
Committee: House Consumer Protection & Commerce

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0984, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES.

Purpose of Bill: Includes advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority in the list of health care professionals authorized to administer medication to public school students. Requires administration of the medication to be approved by the department of health or other on-campus, school based, health care provider pursuant to a written agreement with the department of education. (SB984 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 0984, SD1, HD1, provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOE approved budget.

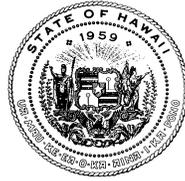
To provide safe learning environments that support student well-being, the Department is partnering with licensed professionals to increase access to health services on campus. Ongoing collaboration with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program, the Department of Health (DOH) Public Health Nurses (PHNs), and other primary and specialty healthcare providers has helped to address student absenteeism and facilitate better self-management of chronic health conditions, such as asthma, that might otherwise make it difficult for children to fully participate in class activities.

This bill is in alignment with the Department's SH 36 request and authorization form to administer medication (Form SH 36 - Request to Store and Administer Emergency Rescue Medications and Daily, Routine, Scheduled Medications, as Applicable).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice,

and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB984 SD1 HD1
RELATED TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

REPRESENTATIVE ROY TAKUMI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Hearing Date: March 20, 2019

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SB 984 SD1 HD1. This
3 bill specifically adds “advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority pursuant to
4 457-8.6” to those practitioners who can prescribe medication for public school students that will
5 be administered by school health assistants (SHAs). SB 984 SD1 HD1 also allows an on-
6 campus, school-based, health care provider to review medications that will be administered by
7 SHAs, pursuant to a written agreement with the Department of Education (DOE).

8 Some schools have a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) on campus
9 through written agreements with the DOE, such as school-based health centers from the
10 Federally Qualified Health Centers and the Hawai`i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program.
11 School-based health centers and HK APRNs should be able to prescribe and have SHA’s
12 administer medication without further review. This bill would also enable school-based, licensed
13 health staff through a written agreement with DOE, to approve medication requests provided by
14 clinicians outside the school system that would be administered by SHAs. Without the
15 amendments proposed by this bill, only DOH can review medications that will be administered
16 by SHAs.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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By
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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
SB 984, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of this bill, SB 984, SD1, HD1 as it relates to advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). The Center wishes to provide testimony as it relates to Section 1 part (2) of this measure.

This bill aims to amend the education statute relating to school-based medication administration to improve access to prescribed medications for children enrolled in and attending public schools. The current statute requires Department of Health (DOH) to approve provider prescribed and parent supplied medication before medication can be taken in school.

This measure proposes to include APRNs to the list of professions whose prescribed medications may be administered at schools, so long as the prescription is approved by the parent /caregiver and identified as necessary for the health of the child and for the child to attend school. This proposed statute change will enable the available APRN workforce who provide care to school aged children to work with parents and caregivers to support the child's short- and long-term health and reduce health-related barriers to learning.

Therefore, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing supports the language as it relates to APRN practice. The Center defers to the Department of Education on the other parts of this measure. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, access to healthcare, and nursing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
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Conference Room 211

By Members of



American Nurses Association
in Hawaii

SB 984, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Chair Roy M. Takumi, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for HB 984, SD1, HD1, Relating to School Based Health Services.

We are members of the American Nurses Association in Hawaii, who are registered professional nurses practicing in this state. We fully support the legislature in its efforts to support school health programs by amending statutes to allow full scope of practice by Advanced Practice Nurses (APRNs) with prescriptive authority, benefitting students cared for in school health programs.

It is fully in keeping with Hawaii's legislative history to support the full scope of practice by APRNs by adding APRNs with prescriptive authority to the list of authorized prescribers in those settings. Adding "on-campus, school-based health care provider pursuant to a written agreement with the department of education", removes another unnecessary hurdle. When duly licensed and authorized healthcare providers such as APRNs are available on campus, they can prescribe and approve administration of medications safely and effectively, benefitting students who require those medications to attend school.

We urge you to pass SB 984, SD1, HD1. Thank you for your continued support of measures that support school health centers and advanced nurse practice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Vote no. Parents must have final approval authority on what is administered to their child and be the determining authority for what constitutes and "emergency". This bill is too vague and too much is left for interpretation. Do not pass this bill.

SB-984-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Yokouchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Comments: