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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chronic absenteeism,  
2 poor health, and delayed or limited access to health care and  
3 preventive health services continue to hinder students' academic  
4 success and schools' abilities to meet the needs of the whole  
5 child. The legislature also recognizes that school based health  
6 programs support the department of education in achieving  
7 student, school, and system success by providing school health  
8 services to public school children in complex areas across the  
9 State.

10           The legislature further finds that the department of  
11 education works with other state agencies, partnering health  
12 care and education organizations and interest groups, and  
13 families to improve attendance, behavior, and course marks.  
14 These improvements are achieved by partnerships to improve  
15 access to and coordinate wrap-around services and address non-  
16 school factors that impede student success.



1           The legislature further recognizes that through school  
2 based health and community partnerships, the departments of  
3 health and human services have identified the extent of services  
4 provided within each department that are targeted to public  
5 school children and the need to coordinate internal departmental  
6 activity and cross-departmental efforts to develop sustainable  
7 school based health services.

8           Furthermore, the legislature acknowledges that vision, oral  
9 health, and behavioral health services are in high demand for  
10 school-aged children. The legislature recognizes that Hawaii  
11 has the highest prevalence of tooth decay in third grade  
12 children with seventy-one per cent of children affected, which  
13 is well beyond the national average of fifty-two per cent. Of  
14 high school children, twenty-nine per cent have not visited the  
15 dentist in the past twelve months. Additionally, more than  
16 sixty per cent of children in this State lack protective dental  
17 sealants which are cost effective means to prevent tooth decay.  
18 Similarly, approximately one in five children will naturally  
19 need glasses to participate fully in school, yet thirty-five per  
20 cent of children have never seen an eye care professional.



1           Moreover, the legislature recognizes that one out of seven  
2 children ages two years old to eight years old are diagnosed  
3 with a mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder and that  
4 between five per cent to nine per cent of children ages five  
5 years old to seventeen years old have a serious emotional  
6 disturbance. The legislature notes that a significant gap in  
7 the current Hawaii health care system is effective awareness,  
8 diagnosis, and treatment of behavioral health conditions at all  
9 levels, including for school-aged children.

10           The legislature acknowledges that school based health  
11 programs and services are an effective means to continue  
12 collaboration among health, human services, and education  
13 policymakers and health care providers to achieve sustainable,  
14 achievable, and comprehensive improvements to the environments  
15 in which community members learn, live, work, and play, and  
16 improve academic and health outcomes of Hawaii's public school  
17 students.

18           The purpose of this Act is to establish positions within  
19 the department of education, department of health, and  
20 department of human services to:



- 1           (1) Elevate the coordination of school based health
- 2                    services within and among the departments; and
- 3           (2) Facilitate the establishment of evidence-based oral,
- 4                    vision, and behavioral health screening and assessment
- 5                    programs within the department of education to address
- 6                    and improve the current health and academic outcomes
- 7                    for Hawaii's school-aged children.

8           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general

9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much

10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for one

11 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) school health services

12 coordinator position within the department of education.

13           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

14 education for the purposes of this Act.

15           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much

17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for one

18 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) school health services

19 coordinator position within the department of health.

20           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

21 health for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for one  
4 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) school health services  
5 coordinator position within the department of human services.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
7 human services for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to develop  
11 an evidence-based vision screening and eye assessment system for  
12 children in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
14 education for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to develop  
18 an evidence-based oral screening and assessment system for  
19 children in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
21 education for the purposes of this Act.



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1           SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to develop  
4 an evidence-based behavioral health screening and assessment  
5 system for children in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

6           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
7 education for the purposes of this Act.

8           SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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# H.B. NO. 2185

**Report Title:**

School-Based Health; Department of Education; Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for positions to increase school-health coordination for and among the Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services. Establishes evidence-based screenings and assessment for school vision, oral health, and behavioral health.

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