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The Senate Committee on Education

To: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

The Senate Committee on Health

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

From: Laura Bonilla, RN
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Re: HB 1440 HD1 Relating to Education
Testimony in Support

My name is Laura Bonilla, Executive Director – Pediatric Service Line at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC). Kapi'olani medical center is the state's only maternity, newborn and pediatric specialty hospital with 207 beds and 66 bassinets. Kapi'olani is also a tertiary care, medical teaching and research facility. The not-for-profit hospital is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider. At KMCWC we carefully evaluate the patients served and the services are tailored to the medical care plans to address those situation with the assistance of a multidisciplinary team where needed. The teams consist of nurses, doctors, social workers, case managers, chaplains, and other ancillary service providers equipped to manage those specialized patients in a setting as needed to provide appropriate care.

I am writing in support of HB 1440 HD1 which enhances and increases the numbers of school-based RNs health care providers to ensure that there is appropriate health screening and access to health care providers for treatable conditions and health issues

As a Registered Nurse working in pediatrics since 1976, I believe this bill will significantly improve the health of children. As an RN working in a children's hospital school reintegration, I understand how complicated managing a child's health can be for both the child and family members following the diagnosis of a chronic health condition. The ability for families to have additional access to a professional health care provider will help better coordinate care and ensure appropriate continuity of care for this children. A child's right to access additional community based resources is essential to ensure this occurs. I therefore support HD1440 HD1.

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