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February 28, 2017

TO: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 510 SD1- RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

Hearing: February 28, 2017, 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent and offers comments.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to formally establish the Hawaii Keiki program, provide funding to expand and sustain the program, and establish school health service programs in the departments of health and human services to increase coordination and facilitate departmental and interdepartmental activities related to comprehensive school-based health services.

DHS recognizes the strong intersections between education and health, which is reflected in the 'Ohana Nui strategic initiatives of the department. For those reasons, we have worked collaboratively with University of Hawaii's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Department of Education and Department of Health to increase access to health services in the schools. In the last year, we helped facilitate connections with the Medicaid managed care plans so that the school-based nurses can bill and be reimbursed when providing health care services for children enrolled with Medicaid. In the future, we look

forward to further collaboration to ensure the most efficient and effective care for our children.

For example, the Committee on Education included an appropriation for \$500,000 for vision screening and eye assessments for grades K through 12. If a child was determined to be on Medicaid, Medicaid could be billed for the vision screening. The need for close collaboration will make the program more sustainable, and such assessments could assist the State in meeting our Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT) goals.

Finally, while we appreciate the intent of the bill to expand the Healthy Keiki program as well as to sustain it over time through an appropriation, we would not want the appropriation to affect the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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**Testimony to the Joint Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and  
Health and Ways and Means  
Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**RE: COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL NO. 0510, SENATE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO SCHOOL-  
BASED HEALTH SERVICES.**

Chair Baker, Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Joint Committee:

My name is Robert Hirokawa and I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA appreciates this opportunity to **COMMENT** on Senate Bill No. 0510, Senate Draft 1, RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would:

- (1) Statutorily establish the Hawaii Keiki Program (Program) within the Department of Education to provide school-based wellness and health services;
- (2) Create a special fund comprised of, among other things, legislative appropriations, private grants, and federal reimbursements to implement the Program;
- (3) Exempt proceeds deposited into the special fund from defraying central service expenses;
- (4) Allow advance practice registered nurses and program administrators to dispense medication to Program participants; and
- (5) Appropriate general funds for:
  - (A) The Departments of Health and Human Services, respectively, to establish one full-time equivalent school health service coordinator position, each;
  - (B) The Department of Education to implement the Program; and
  - (C) The Department of Education to conduct evidence-based vision screening and eye assessment for children in kindergarten through grade twelve.



While we welcome the intent of this measure, the HPCA continues to evaluate the Program's potential impact on the scope of services provided by Community Health Centers from the context of limited federal and state funding for health and human service programs. It is our desire to participate in any and all dialog concerning the provision of school-based, primary care health services to ensure that existing opportunities for the underprivileged are coordinated and leveraged in the best possible way.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these written comments.



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RE: SB 510, SD 1 - Relating to School Based Health Services

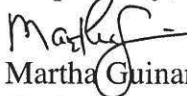
Dear Chairs Keith-Agaran and Tokuda and Members of the Committees,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports the intent** of SB 510, SD 1 that formally establishes and funds the **Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn** program within the Department of Education.

School-based health services are essential to providing preventive and early intervening health support to ALL students, as well as individualized support to students with disabilities and chronic health conditions that require monitoring and in-school interventions. Having the services on campus ensures access to students who might otherwise be unserved or underserved.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully,

  
Martha Guinan  
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
and  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
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**SB 510, SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and members of Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for SB 510, SD1 Relating to School-Based Health Services.

I am a family nurse practitioner, assistant professor, and private practice business owner. I was raised here and am now fortunate enough to be raising my own keiki on Oahu, and can tell you both personally and professionally how important health services are to our keikis' development. I have seen first hand the positive impact that school health services led by school nurses can have. It's been my long held belief that there is nothing more important than supporting our keiki –wellness is an essential element of that equation. When our keiki are well, there's no limit to what they can accomplish, and our communities grow stronger as a result. Ultimately, the entire state benefits from doing what's right and taking care of our keiki. Remember that age-old adage, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure? An investment in our keiki today will pay off many times over in the years to come. I strongly support the establishment of sustained State support for the Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 510, SD1