

SB2775

Student Health Programs

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Date: 02/10/2012

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2775 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Provides flexibility to Department of Education to implement student health programs by deleting certain operational requirements established by law and deletes the requirement to adopt rules.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2775. The Department currently has 254 full-time school health aide positions, one position for each public school. This school year \$5,602,229 was allocated to fund these positions. Of the 254 full-time positions, ten are currently vacant. Also, currently, there are no school health aide positions that are less than full-time. Next school year, 2012-2013, school health aide positions will be placed in Weighted Student Formula. As with all positions under Weighted Student Formula, it is the school community's decision as to which positions are funded.

The Department recognizes the unique qualities of the various communities served by our schools. Thus, schools should be able to provide health programs and services that reflect the needs of their students as well as their school community. In addition, matters regarding work schedule and leave allowances for school health aides and other personnel who provide similar services will continue to be part of the collective bargaining process.

SB 2775, with the proposed changes as outlined, will allow the Department to provide student health services to meet the continually diverse needs of our public school students.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS SB 2775**, which would provide the department greater administrative flexibility to implement school health services programs.

OHA's strategic plan includes a health priority, which states that to improve the quality and longevity of life, Native Hawaiians will enjoy healthy lifestyles and experience reduced onset of chronic diseases.

OHA views this measure as supportive of improving the health and longevity of our children under the management of the superintendent of education. Many Native Hawaiian children suffer from asthma and other chronic conditions that require special care and prescriptive medication. The support of a school health services program will play an important role in our public schools as we begin to address obesity amongst our children and adolescents.

This measure reaffirms that the State seeks to improve the physical and mental health of Hawaii's children by providing for health room facilities, staff and the authority to establish and implement a health services program throughout the public schools system.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS SB 2775. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Senate Committee on Education
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
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Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani, and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SB 2775 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS SB 2775**. The purpose of the bill is to provide the Department of Education flexibility in administering and implementing the school health services program.

With regard to Section 302A-853, "Administration of medication" on Page 2, line 2, the Council asks for your consideration to amend this section to include language that addresses appropriate training for school health aides to administer premeasured medication in emergency situations. In addition to the requirements indicated on Page 2, lines 6-16, additional language would include:


- (5) Training is provided to include:
- (A) An overview of the specific conditions requiring premeasured medication specific to the student
 - (B) The symptoms and treatment of the condition
 - (C) Techniques for recognizing the symptoms that require the administration of the medication
 - (D) Techniques on administering the medication


We feel the additional language would strengthen this section for school health aides to receive training, especially in working with students with disabilities who may need medication necessary for their health and attendance at school. The Community Children's Council of Hawaii submitted testimony that includes similar language using the Arizona State Statutes (ARS 15-344.01) for diabetes management in schools.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB 2775** and for your consideration of the proposed amendments.

Sincerely,


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To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair,
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RE: SB2775 – RELATED TO EDUCATION

Dear Chairs Tokuda & Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

The 17 Community Children's Councils (CCCs) of Hawaii **supports the passage of SB2775**, which proposes to provide the Department of Education (DOE) flexibility in administering and implementing the health services program. It further specifies the four criteria required for school health aides to assist students by administering oral and topical medication, and in emergency situations, other premeasured medication.

The CCCs are community-based bodies comprised of parents, professionals in both public and private agencies and other interested persons who are concerned with specialized services provided to Hawaii's students. Membership is diverse, voluntary and advisory in nature. The CCCs are in rural and urban communities organized around the Complexes in the DOE.

In the past, public health nurses under the Department of Health (DOH) have provided the school health aides supervision. Now that this position will have the flexibility of administering medication in emergency situations, it is imperative that they have the appropriate training and supervision to carry out these duties. From our perspective, it is critical for health aides to receive **training** in following four areas.

Arizona revised statutes for the management of diabetes provides a good applicable model. It requires an annual medical management plan, which is analogous to the DOE 'emergency action plan', and states that training by a licensed professional must include:

- (a) An overview of all the [disorders requiring treatment]
- (b) The symptoms and treatment of [disorder]
- (c) Techniques for recognizing the symptoms that require the administration of [treatment]
- (d) Techniques on administering [treatment].

It further states that the school may designate two or more school employees to serve as voluntary [health care] assistants in emergency situations with final approval from the parent or guardian provided they have the above **training**, in case the licensed professional is not available. ARS [15-344.01](#)

The CCCs urge that the language in SB2775 be amended to include the above language to address the required needs of training and the emergency situations in the event the school health aide is not available.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Community Children's Council Office (CCCO) at 586-5363.

Thank you for considering our testimony,
Tom Smith, Co-Chair

Jessica Wong-Sumida, Co-Chair

(Original signatures are on file with the CCCO)