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The Honorable, Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair House Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 331  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Au Belatti and Members of the House Health Committee,

**The American Diabetes Association urges you to strongly support HB 1099.**

**HB 1099** will protect Hawaii's children living with diabetes by allowing existing school staff and others to be trained to assist students who have diabetes with their diabetes care – and allow those students who are able, to self manage their diabetes while at school or while participating in school related activities.

This bill will improve the ability of all students who have diabetes to be fully present for all learning and other school related activities by self managing their care with as little disruption to school routines as possible. Children with diabetes will remain safe at school, while having equal access to a healthy learning environment.


**What does HB 1099 do?**

- **HB 1099** establishes guidelines for schools to follow for those students enrolled in their school(s) who have diabetes. It requires that a diabetes management and treatment plan to be developed by the student's primary medical care provider in collaboration with the parent(s) or guardian(s).
- Because diabetes management needs arise throughout the day and beyond the classroom (including sports, excursions, after school activities, and other school related events), several individuals must be prepared to provide diabetes care in the event of an emergency or when a young child requires assistance of others.
- **HB 1099** allows school staff and others to volunteer to be trained in basic diabetes care.
- **HB 1099** ensures that students who are capable of self-managing their diabetes are allowed to do so.
- **Can only a nurse or doctor safely provide diabetes care? NO.** Most people with diabetes (millions of Americans) and their non-medical professional family members and friends help them to manage this disease very well once they are trained to do so by health care professionals!
- **Does the bill provide appropriate protections for school personnel and other volunteers? YES.** The bill establishes that it is legally permissible for trained volunteers to play these roles without being in violation of licensing statute or regulation. Liability protections are also included in the bill.

Diabetes requires constant vigilance every day and throughout each day. 24/7. Each student who has diabetes must be able to address most of the required care tasks at the moment they are needed rather than leave the learning environment to perform diabetes care tasks in the health room. We ask you to help improve the lives... and access to learning... for all students who have diabetes by allowing them to self manage their diabetes while at school and have trained volunteers ready to assist them when needed. **We urge you to strongly support HB 1099.**

Sincerely,

  
Leslie Lam  
Executive Director

  
Jane K. Kadohiro  
DrPH, APRN, CDE, FADE

  
Laura Keller  
Director State Government Relations





February 13, 2013

8:30 a.m.

Conference Room 329

TESTIMONY TO  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**RE: HB 1099 – RELATING TO HEALTH**

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa and the members of the committee:

My name is Robert Witt and I am executive director of the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 99 private and independent schools in Hawai'i and educates over 33,000 students statewide.

**HAIS supports HB 1099** which requires schools with enrolled students with diabetes to provide diabetes care by a nurse or trained diabetes care personnel during school hours and at all school-related functions. This bill also permits students with diabetes to administer their own diabetes care.

There is a steadily growing population of diabetic students attending Hawaii public schools. In addition to hindering students from participating in school functions and events, diabetes can also negatively affect students' abilities to perform normal school tasks, such as test taking. Current school policies and practices do not accommodate timely health management measures, such as medication or food intake, effectively. Diabetes must be monitored twenty-four hours a day to avoid potential life threatening consequences of extreme blood glucose levels. Conversely, well-managed blood glucose levels enable diabetic students to be more successful in school. To achieve and foster this, diabetic students must have access to the means to balance food, medications, and physical activity levels while at school and at school-related activities.

Many diabetic students are able to perform most of their own care tasks, as diabetes is generally a self-managed disease. However, some students need help with some or all of their diabetic care tasks due to age, inexperience, or other factors. Additionally, in the event of a diabetic emergency, all students with diabetes will need assistance. Although the school nurse plays a central role in providing or facilitating care for a diabetic student in the school setting, many public schools in Hawaii do not have a full-time nurse on campus. Those campuses that may have a nurse, he/she is assigned exclusively to a specific student; thus, that nurse is not available to other students requiring nursing services to provide direct care during the school day, during extracurricular activities, and on field trips. Additional personnel who are trained in diabetic care tasks are needed on our public school campuses to ensure that all students, diabetic or not, have the same access to educational opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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### **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2013**

#### **Committee on Health Testimony in Support of H.B. 1099 Relating To Health Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 8:30 A.M. Conference Room 329**

Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee:

My name is Howard Lesser and I am an advocate with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC). I am also a Type 2 diabetic. HDRC is in strong support of this bill. Our agency's mission is "to protect the human, civil and legal rights of persons with disabilities".

Our advocates participate in Individual Education Plan (IEP), 504 (Federal Rehabilitation Act) and eligibility meetings to insure that students with special needs are accommodated in the Hawaii public and charter school system statewide. We are aware that teachers, paraprofessionals and other public school staff in the D.O.E. are provided training to address special needs, such as protocols for epileptic seizures, gastric tube feeding (through the stomach), and other specialized care. We visit the public schools to insure compliance. The passage of the bill will bring Hawaii up to the standards and practice set by an increasing number of other states. As the rates of diabetes increases exponentially here in Hawaii, we can't afford not to have a diabetic medical management plan with trained diabetes care personnel in our public and charter school system. Provisions in this bill insure that training will be done at no cost and protect the trainees from liability

First diagnosed as a diabetic in 1997, I completed a nutrition course that was offered at Queens Medical Center that made me aware of the need to control my diabetes with diet, exercise and medication. Technology has greatly simplified administration of insulin and checking for blood glucose, but diabetes education is essential. This bill provides for the proper training that will support students with diabetes in the public and charter school system and allow for the same opportunities for education as every other student.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of H.B. 1099.

Howard Lesser, Advocate



Hawaii's Protection and Advocacy System for People with Disabilities  
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**HB1099**

Submitted on: 2/12/2013

Testimony for HLT on Feb 13, 2013 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charlene Ahlo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I would like to express my wholehearted support for bill HB 1099 which will help children with diabetes have access to adequate medical care while at school.

Diabetes is a common but serious problem for children attending schools and having trained staff will ensure their safety while allowing them to have access to an education and social interaction that is open to the other children.

Schools are changing their safety practices, for example, many education centers now have defibrillators, however training staff to provide care for a diabetic child is not as common place and in reality would not be a huge imposition on schools.

Please consider approving this progressive change that will improve the chances of receiving an education in a safe environment for many children across the US.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Ethel M Villalobos, Ph.D.



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**HB1099**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leyla Kaufman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, as a parent of a small child with diabetes I kindly ask for your support to the HB1099 bill. As any parent, parents of kids with diabetes want to have the piece of mind that our kids are safe while at school. They deserved to be helped to stay and grow healthy. Having staff trained at school will provide the security they, and their parents need to achieve this. Please don't turn your back on us, help us in this journey, we need your help.

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**LJ Duenas**  
**2525 Date Street, 1503**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

**February 12, 2013**

**VIA EMAIL**

Health Committee  
House of Representatives

**Re: HB 1099**

Dear Members of the Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support of HB 1099. This legislation will protect Hawaii's children with diabetes by allowing existing school staff to be trained to supplement routine diabetes care. This way, the health and safety of students with diabetes can improve, and schools can fulfill their obligations. The bill will also ensure that students who are capable of self-managing their diabetes are allowed to do so. Self-management not only frees up staff time, it is important for the student's development and allows care to be provided as soon as it is needed. We have a responsibility to uphold and protect our most valuable assets: our health – and we must also stand firm to support those who do not have a voice and advocate on their behalf.

I have seen the process of having trained non-medical school personnel successfully take on the tasks for routine diabetes care, it works, it makes sense, and we need your help to ensure that our schools are consistent throughout Hawaii.

Mahalo for your time,

LJ Duenas

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**From:** Maribell Pabalan [maribellpabalan@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2013 12:15 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1099 Testimony

Dear Representatives,

As a Hawaii resident concerned about our keiki with diabetes, I'm writing to join with the American Diabetes Association in urging you to support HB 1099 when it comes before the House Committee on Health on Wednesday, February 13th.

Receiving the news of having diabetes is hard enough for a middle aged adult to bear. But imagine having to adjust to a completely different lifestyle as a child. Attending school with health limitations as dire as erratic blood sugar levels hinders a child's ability to learn and develop to their full potential.

The barriers that our keiki face by not having the medical support they need especially with the prevalence of diabetes in Hawaii is tragic.

Without a trained staff or volunteer to aid them, we continue to risk our children's well beings. Furthermore the chance of developing life threatening complications from the lack of immediate medical care.

To create a fair and equal opportunity for all of Hawaii's keiki, please make HB 1099 a reality.

Safety for a student with diabetes means making sure there is someone trained to help a child in need. House Bill 1099 would allow school staff members to volunteer to be trained to give insulin and glucagon. It would also allow our keiki who are mature enough to self-manage their diabetes. These commonsense changes in state law would make school safer and the future brighter for children with diabetes.

I urge you to support HB 1099. It allows schools to provide the care keiki with diabetes need to stay safe and healthy. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

Mahalo.

Sincerely,  
*Maribell Pabalan*  
94-441 Kiau Place  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
MaryEllen McClellan	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Safety for a student in school with diabetes means making sure there is someone trained to help a child in need. Our Schools need to help our keiki with diabetes, and to allow the school staff members to be trained or to be aware of what diabetes is. How the State schools can help each student with diabetes is to let them take "Bathroom break's, snack's or have a drink, taking insulin when needed in the classroom.

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Wednesday, February 13, 2013

To: The House Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capital Conference Room 329

Re: HB 1099

From: Michelle Leong – Mother of daughter with Type 1 Diabetes

Living with a chronic life threatening disease such as Type 1 Diabetes is daunting, especially for children. Your life is changed forever when your child is diagnosed with this unforgiving disease. Our daughter, Alyssa was diagnosed with T1D at the very young age of 18 months. There is not a day, hour, or minute that passes without the concern for keeping our daughter safe and alive.

As a parent of a child with T1D, our concerns for our daughter's health and safety is heightened when she is in school. There are numerous factors affecting her blood glucose which could be fatal if not treated immediately. Ideally, these children/students need a trained school personnel/nurse to monitor and assist in routine and emergency diabetes care throughout the school day. For class excursions, we chaperone our daughter to allow her to fully participate in the activities while monitoring her blood glucose and keeping her safe from the dangers of having a seizure from a severe low blood sugar reaction.

We believe with the proper diabetes training and awareness it will help eliminate much of the fears within schools to allow children with T1D the same experiences provided to all students.

Thank you,  
Michelle Leong

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**HB1099**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB1099

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**From:** morris atta [MATTA@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013 12:58 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1099 Testimony in Support

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** passage of **House Bill No. 1099**.

This measure would make a huge difference in the lives of Hawaii's keiki. It would allow school staff members to volunteer to be trained to give insulin when appropriate. It would also allow our keiki who are mature enough to self-manage their diabetes the opportunity to do so when needed while at school or attending school-related activities. These commonsense changes in state law would make school safer – and the future brighter – for our keiki with diabetes.

Mahalo,  
Morris M. Atta  
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Honolulu, HI. 96817

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Nikaido	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB1099 as I feel it will help our children with diabetes. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Selena Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB 1099 which allows children, like my 5 year old son, who live with type 1 diabetes a better chance to stay safe and succeed at school. Living with diabetes is intense, exhausting and stressful for parents and children. Our son has had a DAILY regiment of 8-10 finger pricks and 4-8 shots since he was diagnosed at 18 months. There are no days off from this disease and no hours waived because kids are in school. It's relentless and these kids need the necessary allowances to be safe at school and avoid multiple trips to the ER. They need help, please allow them what they need to fight this life-long, exhausting disease. Thank you.

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