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Committee: House Education
House Health

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0240,SD2 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Purpose of Bill: Amends section 302A-854, HRS, to require the department of health, in consultation with the University of Hawaii school of nursing and dental hygiene, to provide training and clinical direction to school health aides until June 30, 2014. Repeals section 302A708, HRS, which requires the department of education to provide career pathways development and training opportunities to school health aides in the department's school health services field. Requires the department of education and department of health to enter into a memorandum of understanding relating to the training of school health aides and submit a copy to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

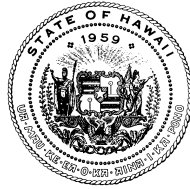
Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 240 SD2 as there is an ongoing need for training and clinical direction for School Health Aides (SHAs).

The Department sincerely appreciates the assistance of the Department of Health (DOH) Public Health Nurses (PHNs) in the continued consultative support provided to SHAs. In addition, the DOH PHNs also review and revise the School Health Aide Manual for the Department, and annually conduct statewide SHA meetings to review the manual. This manual provides SHAs with clinical direction in administering first aid care to public school students, and forms and protocols that help SHAs in managing the school health room. The support of DOH PHNs in providing information and direction continues to be a need, especially for newly hired SHAs and those hired to temporarily fill vacant SHA positions.

This bill also requires the DOH to consult with the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene. As the DOH PHNs have knowledge and expertise in matters related to school health, the Department questions the need for this requirement.

In closing, the Department supports SB 240 SD2 and is thankful for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



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SB 240 SD2, RELATING TO EDUCATION

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department supports the intent of SB 240, SD2 to provide excellent
2 health care to our students but has concerns.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Currently, the DOH does not have sufficient resources or staffing to provide
4 training and clinical direction to the health aides. There is a constant turnover of health aides, which
5 results in a requirement for frequent training.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this Bill is to require the DOH in consultation with the
7 University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene to provide training and clinical direction to
8 school health aides. This Bill repeals Section 302A-708, Hawaii Revised Statutes that requires the
9 Department of Education (DOE) to provide career pathways development and training opportunities to
10 school health aides in the DOE.

11 Act 105, Session Laws of 2007 requires that the DOH provide clinical supervision to the school
12 health aides through a service level agreement or memorandum of understanding. The DOH currently
13 provides nursing consultation to the health aides utilizing available guidelines, including but not limited
14 to the School Health Aide Manual, and Hawaii Administrative Rules governing the school health entry
15 requirements. The DOH provides annual updates for school health aides at the beginning of each school
16 year. In addition the DOH provides nursing consultation on children with specific health needs such as

1 medication administration and emergency action plans. The DOH is unable to provide clinical direction
2 to health aides in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act. The school health aides are employed by the
3 DOE and the DOH does not have appropriate authority for their actions.

4 The DOH is currently working on developing a memorandum of understanding with the DOE to
5 promote student health in the public school system as well as help to establish a statewide school health
6 services program. The DOH recommends that the discussion of training of health aides be continued
7 through the development of this memorandum of understanding.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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RE: SB 240 SD2 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

Dear Chairs Takumi and Belatti and Members of the Committees,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **strongly supports** SB 240 SD 2 that provides training and clinical direction to school health aides by the Department of Health, in consultation with the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene.

Feedback from the field, including parents of students with disabilities and special health conditions, indicates that there is inconsistency in the delivery of school health services from school to school and complex to complex. This bill will provide the necessary training and supervision to allow all health aides to reliably carry out their responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

Respectfully,

Ivalee Sinclair, Chair



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Representative Takumi and Representative Belatti
Chairs of Education and Health – State Capitol

RE: SB 240, SD2 – RELATING TO EDUCATION
Department of Education; Department of Health; Health Aides

Dear Chairs Takumi and Belatti, Vice-Chairs Ohno and Morikawa, and Members of the Committee,

The Community Children's Councils (CCC's) **strongly supports** SB 240, SD2 which proposes that training for school health aides (SHAs) be provided by the Department of Health in consultation with the University of Hawaii school of nursing and dental hygiene.

There is a lot of variation in the background of the SHA's. Training would ensure uniformed standards and practices and taking place in the school especially when children need it the most, when they are sick and it may be a matter of life or death.

The 17 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 Department of Education.

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)