

SB240

Relating to Education

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Committee: Senate Education
Senate Health

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0240 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Purpose of Bill: Requires 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. Repeals section 302A-708, 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.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 0240 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 0240 and is thankful for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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SB 240, RELATING TO EDUCATION

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Director of Health

February 08, 2013

1 **Department's Position:** The Department opposes SB240 that requires the Department of Health
2 (DOH) to provide training and clinical direction to school health aides.

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 the student health in the public school system as well as helping to establish a statewide school
6 health services program. The DOH recommends that the discussion of training of health aides be
7 continued through the development of this memorandum of understanding.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
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SB 240 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Tokuda, Chair Green, Vice Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Senate Committees on Education and Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

The UH Mānoa Nursing is in support of this bill, SB 240, that provides support to school health aides through training and clinical direction by the Department of Health in consultation with our school.

As stated by Arne Duncan, U.S. Department of Education Secretary, “school health plays an important role in making sure children are healthy and ready to learn”.¹ Today’s public school population is more medically diverse than before with an increased prevalence of chronic conditions and health risks related to poverty among children. These students fall into three categories, medically fragile, special healthcare needs, or special education students. In addition to health issues, schools must cope with problems caused by immigration, homelessness, divorce, remarriage, poverty, substance abuse, and violence.²

As many as 18% of children have a chronic health condition or problem, including attention disorders, Type 1 diabetes, epilepsy or asthma, and may require help with medication or other assistance. Obesity has more than tripled among adolescents in the past 20 years, and 33% of students are obese or overweight, with related mental and physical health issues, including depression and the growing number of Type 2 diabetes cases. The number of children under age 18 with food allergies grew 18% from 1998 to 2008.

A growing body of research demonstrates the impact that school nurses have on improving health and education outcomes. The Milwaukee Public School System experienced impressive gains in health outcomes of children, as well as educational time restored to teachers and other school staff who previously handled health issues when additional RNs were placed in its schools.¹ North Carolina also experienced improvements when their school nurse ratios improved.

Since Hawai'i doesn't employ school nurses, the demand on the health aide role is magnified. Training and education will provide support to health aides and children alike in our school system.

The recognition of this unmet state need can be addressed by moving forward to allocate resources to increase screening, wellness, and nursing services in our schools through health aide training and development of a model to increase access to nursing services in our public schools. UH Mānoa Nursing is pleased to collaborate with the Departments of Health and Education to support quality health services in Hawai'i's schools.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa supports the intent of the bill provided it does not adversely affect our UH priorities as set in our budget request, most notably in health and safety and repairs and maintenance issues.

References

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2. Passarelli, C. (1994). School Nursing: Trends for the Future. *J Sch Nurs*, 10:10–20.



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Senator Tokuda and Senator Green
Chairs of Education and Health – State Capitol

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

Dear Chairs Tokuda and Green, Vice-Chairs Kidani and Baker, and Members of the Committee,

The Community Children's Councils (CCC's) **strongly supports** SB 240, 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)



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RE: SB 240 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

Dear Chairs Tokuda and Green 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 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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Comments: my testimony- I oppose SB 240. It is my opinion the current School Health Aide situation is not safe- related to multiple issues. Public Health Nurse's have insufficient staffing and limited input into DOE's practices. Due to these and other factors the best option would be for DOE to take full responsibility to train and monitor all aspects of the health room activities and the School Health Aide position. In addition changing this one section is a "band aide" approach. It is important for DOH and DOE primary stakeholders to address the complex issues that need to be addressed in order for health aides to be competent and provide appropriate and safe health room practices. A good start would be to have a MOU between DOE and DOH regarding these issues- the last MOU expired 6/30/08

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