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**Time:** 11:00 AM  
**Location:** 308  
**Committee:** House Finance

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 1814, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds to provide training and track data on public school pupil punishment and use of restraints restrictions established by Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014. Requires report. Appropriates funds. (HB1814 HD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB1814 HD1 and is appreciative of the Legislature's consideration of an appropriation to support the Department's implementation of Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

If appropriated, the \$460,000 would be applied in fiscal year 2016-17 for:

- **\$300,000 for staff training, certification and recertification :**  
Support for statewide training of complex/school personnel and training materials. The Department will establish a cadre of trainers in each complex area. The proposed funding would allow for the trainer certification of approximately 31 educators and training of 300 participants. The four day training sessions would be held across the state during the school year.
- **\$75,000 for database development and maintenance :**  
Database infrastructure enhancements, reports, and periodic maintenance.
- **\$85,000 for personnel**  
Salary and an 1.0 FTE to assist with the implementation of Act 206.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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February 25, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Luke and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HB 1814 HD1 - Relating to Education**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB 1814 HD1**. The bill appropriates funds to provide training and track data on public school pupil punishment and use of restraints restrictions established by Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

The implementation of Act 206 – Relating to Restraints and Seclusion in Hawaii Public Schools requires school personnel to be properly trained in the use of physical restraints, non-violent crisis intervention, and how to develop and maintain a data base in order to document all incidents involving the use of restraints. HB 1814 HD1 will fund one full-time equivalent position (1.0 FTE) to provide training and data accountability to assist with the effective implementation of Sections 302A-1141, 302A-1141.3, and 302A-1141.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as outlined in SECTIONS 1 and 2 of the bill.

Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, requires an appropriation in order to be implemented. Our understanding is that the Department of Education (DOE) does not have the funds in its budget to carry out the requirements of Act 206. The passage of HB 1814 HD1 would provide the means necessary for DOE to properly train school personnel and provide data accountability.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HB 1814 HD1**.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
Executive Administrator

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**HB1814**

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Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Comments Only	No

Comments: We believe that the DOE ought to be able to implement this bill within their existing Budget. However, to the extent that the lack of an additional appropriation will provide an excuse for them to not implement it, we urge the Legislature to consider appropriating a sum that is realistic and necessary.

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RE: HB 1814, HD1 - Relating to Education

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee,

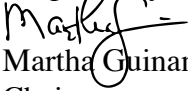
The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **strongly supports** HB 1814, HD 1 that appropriates funds to train school personnel in the proper use of physical restraints as well as non-violent crisis intervention, and to develop and maintain a database to document all incidents involving the use of restraints.

This appropriation is vital to the implementation of Act 206 - Relating to Restraints and Seclusion in Hawaii Public Schools. The law provides for all school staff to receive training in identifying escalating student behavior and intervening early, so that the student does not require physical restraint. Seclusion, mechanical restraints (for example, tying a student to a chair) and chemical restraints (for example, medicating students to control their behavior) are forbidden under the law.

Therefore it is critical for all staff statewide to be trained in a timely way to protect all students from unnecessary restraints. SEAC strongly urges that full funding of \$460,000 for SY 16-17 shall be appropriated in order to fund one full-time equivalent position to oversee the provision of training and data collection, and to complete the reporting requirements outlined in Section 1 of the bill. There is currently no money in the Department of Education's budget for these activities.

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

Respectfully,

  
Martha Guinan  
Chair

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Comments: Do we really need more data collectors? Don't we need more actual people in classrooms helping kids?

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