

HB2494

Measure Title: RELATING TO BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING.
Report Title: Blood Glucose Monitoring; Students; Diabetes
Description: Authorizes DOE employees to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring.
Companion: [SB2975](#)
Package: None
Current Referral: EDU, CPH
Introducer(s): TAKUMI

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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2494 RELATING TO BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING.

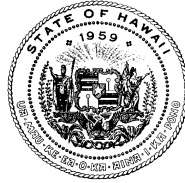
Purpose of Bill: Authorizes DOE employees to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2494. This measure permits Department employees and agents to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring when needed. Volunteers will also receive training on proper blood glucose monitoring.

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

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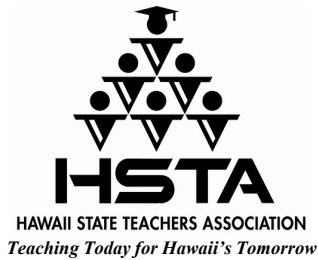
**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2494
RELATING TO BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING**

SENATOR MICHELLE KIDANI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Date: March 14, 2016

Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None to the Department of Health
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports HB 2494 and defers to the Department of
- 3 Education (DOE) for issues on implementation. The purpose of this bill is to include blood
- 4 glucose monitoring by the student and DOE employees and agents who volunteer to assist a
- 5 student with blood glucose monitoring.
- 6 Public Health Nursing Branch currently provides education and training on proper administration
- 7 of insulin and glucagon in the school setting. Students requiring diabetes care in the school
- 8 setting are referred to a Department of Health public health nurse (PHN). The PHN completes a
- 9 comprehensive assessment and develops an individual student diabetes plan. This plan, which is
- 10 based on the students needs, may include education to school personnel on diabetes, blood sugar
- 11 testing, insulin and glucagon administration, and emergency action plans for hyperglycemia or
- 12 hypoglycemia. Training is based on the American Diabetes Association guidelines.
- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: HB 2494 – RELATING TO BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 2494**, relating to blood glucose monitoring.

This bill will help clarify the assistance that may be provided at school to protect and keep our students with diabetes medically safe; allowing DOE employees to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring. This housekeeping measure seeks to ensure that the original intent of the legislation is clearly codified – specifically, that the rights and protections afforded by Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §302A-1164 apply to all volunteers providing assistance with diabetes care as well as students with diabetes performing self-care.

DOE employees want to help their students when they are in need and this bill will allow those who volunteer and are properly trained to assist students as needed with blood glucose monitoring. This clarification of language will ensure that volunteers who provide diabetes care or assistance will be fully protected from liability under HRS §302A-1164(h) and students with diabetes who are capable of performing self-care will be allowed to do so.

Thus, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support this bill**.

From: [LJ Duenas](#)
To: [EDU Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony Supporting HB 2494
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 11:03:52 AM

Dear Honorable Sen. Michelle Kidani and Sen. Breene Harimoto
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol

I write in support of HB 2494 which clarifies the assistance that can be provided to protect and keep our keiki with diabetes medically safe at school; allowing DOE employees to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring.

Further, many school employees are being told they are unable to volunteer because there is not enough liability protection for them. This position appears to stem from a perception that certain activities that are normally associated with routine assistance to students with diabetes are not covered by Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §302A-1164. While the language of that statute was never intended to be construed so strictly, HB 2494 seeks to eliminate any such ambiguity by amending the statutory language to specially include those actions. Doing so will ensure that volunteers who provide diabetes care or assistance will be fully protected from liability under HRS §302A-1164(h).

Thank you,

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 **American Diabetes Association.**

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I look forward to addressing your questions and would be happy to discuss your concerns. Feel free to contact me at 808.947.5979 ext. 7022 or llam@diabetes.org.

Sincerely,
Leslie

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. The ADA Hawaii Office is also available for any questions at [\(808\) 947-5979](tel:8089475979).

Mahalo for your time!

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HB2494

Submitted on: 3/10/2016

Testimony for EDU on Mar 14, 2016 13:25PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a grandmother of a diabetic grandchild, I can only hope that there are adults available to help him should he need assistance at school with his four times a day plus glucose teting

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Here are a few photos of the children and families whose lives will be impacted by this bill:





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Mahalo for your time!

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