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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2494
RELATING TO BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 10, 2016

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

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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Date: 02/10/2016
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: 329
Committee: House Health

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 the intent of 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.

HLTtestimony

From: Leslie Lam <LLam@diabetes.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 10:00 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: Leslie Lam
Subject: Testimony In Support of HB 2494

Dear Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti and Rep. Richard Creagan House Committee on Health 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. 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.

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 (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) and students with diabetes who are capable of performing self-care will be allowed to do so.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. I am available for any questions at (808) 947-5979.

Sincerely,

Leslie Lam
Executive Director
American Diabetes Association
Thank you,
Leslie

HLTtestimony

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Subject: Support of HB 2494

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House Committee on Health
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.

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Mahalo for your time!

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HLTtestimony

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Hawaii State Capitol

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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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Aloha Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti and Rep. Richard Creagan
House Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol

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Mahalo for your time!

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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.

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Mahalo for your time!

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HLTtestimony

From: LJ Duenas <ljdx@icloud.com>
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Dear Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti and Rep. Richard Creagan

House Committee on Health

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.

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Mahalo for your time!

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Mahalo for your time!

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HLTtestimony

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House Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol

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HLTtestimony

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Subject: Testimony In Support of HB 2494

Dear Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti and Rep. Richard Creagan
House Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol

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

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Thank you for your support of this measure.

Thanks,
Eddie Fox

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Cc: Dana Newberry
Subject: Testimony In Support of HB 2494

Importance: High

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Mahalo for your time!

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HLTtestimony

From: Staci Gordon <staci.t.gordon@gmail.com>
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To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of HB 2494
Attachments: HB2494_.pdf

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House Committee on Health

Hawaii State Capitol

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Mahalo for your time!

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From: chingmi@hawaii.rr.com
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Mahalo for your time!

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Subject: Testimony In Support of HB 2494

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Hawaii State Capitol

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Mahalo for your time!

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HLTtestimony

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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 2494

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Hawaii State Capitol

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Mahalo for your time!

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HLTtestimony

From: malia gonsalves <malia96706@yahoo.com>
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To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Support HB 2494 diabetes care

Aloha,

I am pleading in support of HB 2494. Our keiki face a lifelong, life threatening illness that will not go away and they need as much support as possible. School faculty and staff play an important role in the care of our children. Thus, special needs and services need to be provided for all.

Sincerely,

Malia K. Gonsalves

HLTtestimony

From: Brian Moriki <bmoriki@fhb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 1:13 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony In Support of HB 2494

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Mahalo for your time!

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Subject: I Support

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House Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol

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Mahalo for your time!

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To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony on HB2494

Dear Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti and Rep. Richard Creagan
House Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol

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

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