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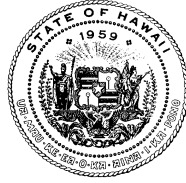
Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0698 RELATING TO SCHOOL HEALTH.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the Department of Education and Department of Health to jointly establish an interagency working group to create a comprehensive school health program.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HB 698 which establishes an interagency working group to create a comprehensive school health program. However, we respectfully suggest that the intent of the working group be adjusted to allow for a broader, ongoing health - education discussion for all related agencies to collaboratively address, explore, and work on various issues related to school health.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 698
Relating to School Health

REPRESENTATIVE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Date: February 9, 2015

Room Number: 309

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB 698 provided that its
- 3 passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget. This
- 4 Bill directs the Department of Education (DOE) and the DOH to convene an interagency
- 5 working group to create a comprehensive school health program. This program will include a
- 6 comprehensive, sustainable plan to address, at a minimum, issues related to (1) the development
- 7 of a school health program infrastructure and a recommendation regarding the department in
- 8 which to place such a program to ensure what is best for students attending DOE schools; (2) the
- 9 transfer of health aides from the DOH to the DOE; (3) the training of department of education
- 10 employees and agents relating to the administration of medication to students by the DOH; (4)
- 11 the identification of existing barriers and mechanisms necessary to maximize all relevant and
- 12 available federal funds for services that may be offered through the school health program; and
- 13 (5) any personnel issues that may arise as a result of the comprehensive plan, including the
- 14 transfer of personnel from one department to another.
- 15 **Offered Amendments:** None.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Education
February 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

by

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and

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HB 698 – RELATING TO SCHOOL HEALTH

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and members of the House Committee on Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 698.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene supports the intent of HB 698, which establishes an interagency working group to create a comprehensive school health program. However, we respectfully suggest that the scope of the working group be adjusted to allow for a broader, ongoing health - education discussion for all related agencies to collaboratively address, explore, and work on various issues related to school health.



HB698
RELATING TO SCHOOL HEALTH
House Committee on Education

February 9, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Room 309

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** for HB698. This measure would establish an interagency working group to create a comprehensive school health program for the benefit of Hawai‘i’s keiki.

OHA’s strategic priorities include Maui Ola (Health), which represents our commitment to improving the conditions and quality of life of Native Hawaiians, by reducing the onset rate of chronic diseases. In furtherance of our strategic plan, OHA facilitated the development of Nā Limahana o Lonopūhā, the Native Hawaiian Health Consortium. Nā Limahana o Lonopūhā is an integrated network of leading senior executives and health care providers committed to addressing the status of Native Hawaiian health throughout the State of Hawai‘i. This consortium proposes progressive models of culture- and research-based prevention and treatment programs focused on the systemic improvement of Native Hawaiian health and wellness outcomes. The consortium is comprised of private, non-profit, state, academic, community health centers, and community-based service providers that both directly and indirectly service the Native Hawaiian community. This collaborative network exemplifies an innovative, multi-level approach to improving Native Hawaiian health outcomes in the 21st century, with a particular focus on preventing and addressing chronic diseases.

OHA supports this measure’s much-needed holistic and systemic approach to addressing obesity in Hawai‘i’s schools and communities, through close collaboration between public and private interests. School health interventions are of particular importance to OHA, as Native Hawaiians are the largest ethnic group in the Hawai‘i public school system.

Accordingly, OHA recommends the inclusion of many voices from the Native Hawaiian community in the proposed school health working group. Given the innovative and progressive work already being conducted by Nā Limahana o Lonopūhā, OHA respectfully recommends specifically including a representative from the consortium in the working group. We believe such a representative may bring a wealth of knowledge, ideas, and relationships that could significantly assist

the working group in its efforts to promote the health and well-being of our public school students, including students from the Native Hawaiian community.

Accordingly, we recommend amending the language on page 5, lines 10 through 13, to read as follows:

- superintendent of education;
- (22) A representative from Nā Limahana o
Lonopūhā, the Native Hawaiian Health
Consortium; and
- (23) Any other person the superintendent of
education and

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



HPCA

HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

House Committee on Education

The Hon. Roy M. Takumi, Chair

The Hon. Takashi Ohno, Vice Chair

Testimony on House Bill 698

Relating to School Health

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

February 4, 2015, 1:15 pm, Room 229

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, supports House Bill 698, which calls for an interagency working group between the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to create a school health program.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as home life, income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, and housing environments can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes. Our youth need healthy, safe after-school opportunities that engage and connect them with positive experiences and outcomes in their lives. The health of our communities and the health of our future largely depend on the environments we provide our keiki to grow up in. The REACH program created by this measure is a good start to address this vital need for our youth while addressing social determinants of health.

This bill speaks directly to several key social determinants, seeking to bolster the education system as well as provide invaluable training and assistance for health and well-being to Hawaii's schoolchildren. For these reasons we support this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



To: The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair, Committee on Education
The Honorable Takashi Ohno, Vice Chair, Committee on Education
Members, House Committee on Education

From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director

Date: February 6, 2015

Hrg: House Committee on Education; Monday, February 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Rm 309

Re: **Support for HB 698, Relating to School Health**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **support of** House Bill 698, which will improve the delivery of school health services by establishing an interagency working group to create a comprehensive school health program.

The Hawaii Public Health Institute (HIPHI) supports and promotes policy efforts to create a health Hawaii. HIPHI weaves silos into working relationships as an effective network, ensuring that we come together across sectors to advance collaboration and innovation in public health and work towards making Hawaii the healthiest place on earth.

In 2004, Act 51 was enacted to revamp education in Hawaii by creating an interagency working group. These interagency working groups allow for the development of plans for transferring of certain rights, powers, functions, duties, and resources from various State Departments to the Department of Education. This will enable a revamping of the education system in Hawaii. The establishment of these interagency working groups will also facilitate interagency communication and help address various issues that may have not been resolved since Act 51, or may have arisen as a result of the transfers implemented pursuant to Act 51.

This bill will require the Department of Education and the Department of Health to jointly convene an interagency working group to discuss and create a comprehensive school health program. With rising health concerns and needs we believe this interagency working group is essential. Findings and recommendations from this group will allow for either the Department, and/or the Legislature, to address concerns regarding infrastructure necessary to establish a comprehensive, sustainable school health program and provide a sustainability plan with quality assurance and quality improvement parameters.

For these reasons, the Hawaii Public Health Institute supports House Bill 698. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessica Yamauchi'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Jessica' being more prominent than the last name 'Yamauchi'.

Jessica Yamauchi, MA
Executive Director