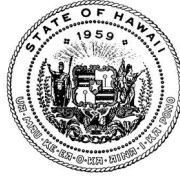


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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB 861
Relating to Health**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 11, 2015 Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the intent of the bill to
3 have the Department of Education (DOE) consult with the DOH and the American Diabetes
4 Association (ADA) to develop and adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for the training of school
5 employees and qualified volunteers to provide care to students with diabetes. The rules shall
6 include a requirement that each school provide annual diabetes training programs for all nurses,
7 trained diabetes care personnel, and persons seeking to become trained diabetes care personnel.
8 The purpose of this bill is to enable schools to have trained, volunteer DOE employees or agents
9 who could provide diabetes care to students with diabetes.

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11 The DOH is willing to provide diabetes training of appropriate school staff and volunteers, and
12 defers to DOE for concerns about implementation of this bill.

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14 **Offered Amendments:** None.



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Date: 02/11/2015
Time: 08:35 AM
Location: 329
Committee: House Health

Department: Education
Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education
Title of Bill: HB 0861 RELATING TO HEALTH.
Purpose of Bill: Requires the Department of Education to provide care to students with diabetes pursuant to a student's diabetes medical management plan.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates the intent of HB 861 to provide students with diabetes with care during school and respectfully suggests that the recommended provisions of this measure are unnecessary.

Department of Health (DOH) Public Health Nurses (PHNs) receive training in diabetes care. The PHNs work with schools in crafting an individualized diabetes care plan and deliver training to teachers and staff regarding a student's plan.

Contracted nursing care is available for students with diabetes who are unable to provide self-care during the school day, and every effort is made for the service to be provided at the student's geographic area school.

The student's 504 Plan provides accommodations to meet the student's needs as determined by the 504 Team, and also provides the non-discrimination protections of Section 504 and addresses administrative complaints. Hawaii Administrative Rule Chapter 61 ensures the Department's implementation of Section 504.

Further, the Department has worked together with the DOH and the American Diabetes Association in improving systems and communication between all parties regarding the care and support of students with diabetes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 861.

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Dear Representative Belatti, Representative Creagan, and Members of the House Committee on Health:

On behalf of the Community Leadership Board of the American Diabetes Association (ADA), and the over 500,000 individuals who have prediabetes or diabetes in Hawaii, I am writing to ask for your full support of **HB861** to ensure the care, safety, and education of students with diabetes in Hawaii.

Favorable support of HB861 will:

- allow department employees to be trained and to volunteer to be able to test blood glucose levels of students with diabetes and administer insulin or assist a student in the administration of insulin via the insulin delivery system that the student uses as outlined in the students diabetes medical management plan and 504 accommodations; and
- permit students who are able to test and self-manage their diabetes in the classroom or any school-related activity; and
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I encourage you to stand alongside the ADA and urge you to fully support **HB861** to ensure that students with diabetes are safe at school and able to succeed at school academically.

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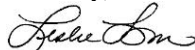
HB861, allows school staff members who volunteer to be trained to provide diabetes care when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available. The bill includes language to authorize trained school staff to provide diabetes care and includes liability protections. The ADA has FREE training materials designed specifically for schools; therefore there will not be a cost to the school.

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I would greatly appreciate your deep consideration and urge you to support this very important lifesaving passage and invite your colleagues to do the same.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns or questions. I am available at llam@diabetes.org or 808.947.5979.

Sincerely,



Leslie Lam, Executive Director
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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(these are just a few of the keiki and their families who are affected by diabetes everyday)

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Testimony for hearing February 11, 2015 at 8:30 am Room 329

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Hawai'i Dietetic Association

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Re: HB 861

In support of bill "Students with Diabetes; Schools"

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HDA supports HB 861 which would require the Department of Education to provide care to students with diabetes pursuant to the student's diabetes medical management plan. It is important that students with diabetes are supported in their medical management while at school in order to maintain safe blood sugar levels which can prevent school absences and may allow for optimal academic performance by ensuring adequate energy to the brain.

Most sincerely yours,

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Testimony by
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February 11, 2015

H.B. 861 – RELATING TO HEALTH

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports H.B. 861 *with* amendments.

H.B. 861 requires the Department of Education (DOE) to provide care to students with diabetes pursuant to the student's diabetes medical management plan. However, as written the measure does not hold the DOE accountable for the consistent and proper implementation of this commitment.

The resources and capacity of schools and its staff vary within the State of Hawaii. The contextual differences of each school, each staff member, each community and each child must be taken into consideration when such a commitment is made by the DOE. As such, the DOE must be held accountable especially when it comes to the health and welfare of our children.

Therefore, to insure that this measure is implemented with fidelity and consistently at every school, we ask that this measure be amended in its entirety to 1) require the DOE to provide the resources and personnel to each school that does not have three volunteers; 2) require that the DOE be responsible for training that will meet all health and legal requirements; and 3) require that the DOE be responsible for responding to parents on issues of compliance regarding this measure.

Our children are the most important resource we have and we support the commitment being made in this measure to provide care to children in need. However, the varying capacity and resources of each school is a reality that cannot be ignored. Therefore, the responsibility of the DOE to be held accountable to every child in need must be clear in the language of this measure.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony on H.B. 861

Respectfully submitted,



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Mahalo nui loa,

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House Committee on Health Leadership
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Mahalo nui loa, LJ

Thank you,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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- The American Diabetes Association (ADA) has identified gaps in diabetes care provided by Hawaii schools, and we are concerned about the unfair treatment many children with diabetes face at school due to inadequate care and untrained staff.
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I strongly believe that the provisions described in **HB861** are medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes receive the appropriate care and are provided access to supplies they need during those times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine diabetes care.

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Mahalo and Aloha.

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Mahalo nui loa,

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- The ADA has identified gaps in diabetes care provided by Hawaii schools. As such, I am concerned about challenges, and potential health consequences that children with diabetes might face at school due to inadequate care and untrained staff. The result is an unsafe medical environment and that could prevent children with diabetes from participating fully in the classroom or school-sponsored activities.
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Thank You,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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House of Representatives
Committee on Health

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
February 11, 2015

H.B. 861 – RELATING TO HEALTH

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports H.B. 861 *with* amendments.

H.B. 861 requires the Department of Education (DOE) to provide care to students with diabetes pursuant to the student's diabetes medical management plan. However, as written the measure does not hold the DOE accountable for the consistent and proper implementation of this commitment.

The resources and capacity of schools and its staff vary within the State of Hawaii. The contextual differences of each school, each staff member, each community and each child must be taken into consideration when such a commitment is made by the DOE. As such, the DOE must be held accountable especially when it comes to the health and welfare of our children.

Therefore, to insure that this measure is implemented with fidelity and consistently at every school, we ask that this measure be amended in its entirety to 1) require the DOE to provide the resources and personnel to each school that does not have three volunteers; 2) require that the DOE be responsible for training that will meet all health and legal requirements; and 3) require that the DOE be responsible for responding to parents on issues of compliance regarding this measure.

Our children are the most important resource we have and we support the commitment being made in this measure to provide care to children in need. However, the varying capacity and resources of each school is a reality that cannot be ignored. Therefore, the responsibility of the DOE to be held accountable to every child in need must be clear in the language of this measure.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony on H.B. 861

Respectfully submitted,



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