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**Date:** 03/03/2015  
**Time:** 09:10 AM  
**Location:** 211  
**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 1221, SD1 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. (SD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates the intent of SB 1221 SD1. However, we have substantive concerns and further respectfully suggest that this measure is not necessary as related existing services are currently in place.

SB 1221 SD1 will impose a substantial workload increase on schools. As such, the Department respectfully submits a request for an appropriation to carry out the provisions of the bill. The range of the concerns have a potential cost impact related to possible collective bargaining issues, need to renegotiate vendor contracts, and negative legal ramifications by mandating various provisions, including but not limited to:

- **The minimum number of three school personnel requiring training for at least one student and the specified distribution of a written notice if fewer than three school employees are available.** Page 6, Section 2, §302A-B (b), lines 4-11, *"Each school that has at least one student with diabetes enrolled shall provide the training required under subsection (a) to a minimum of three school employees. If at any time fewer than three school employees are available to be trained at the school, the principal or other school administrator shall distribute a written notice to all staff stating that it is seeking employees to serve as diabetes care personnel."*
- **The specified times a school shall hold the training before each school year starts and following a student's enrollment or diagnosis.** Page 7, Section 2, §302A-B (d), lines 5-14, *'The nurse or a health care professional with expertise in diabetes care shall*

*coordinate the training outlined under subsection (a). If there is any student with diabetes enrolled at the school before the start of the school year, the school shall hold the training before each school year starts. If a student with diabetes enrolls in the school or is diagnosed with diabetes after the school year has started and the school has not held the diabetes care training before the start of the school year, the training shall be held no more than thirty days following the student's enrollment or diagnosis."*

- **The responsibility placed on the Department school to provide training for all school employees, including bus drivers.** Page 7, Section 2, §302A-B (e), lines 15-20, *"Each school shall provide training for all school employees responsible for the supervision of any student with diabetes, including bus drivers who transport students with diabetes, regarding the recognition of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and the appropriate action to take in an emergency situation."* (Note: Bus drivers are not DOE employees.)
- **The nurse or trained diabetes care personnel required to be present at each school during and after regular school hours.** Page 9, Section 2, §302A-D (c), lines 9-14, *"A nurse or trained diabetes care personnel shall be at each school that has enrolled a student with diabetes during regular school hours, after-school care programs, field trips, extended off-site excursions, extracurricular activities, and on buses when the bus driver has not completed the necessary training required under section 302A-B."*
- **The potential invasion of student privacy.** Page 12, Section 2, §302A-G (a), lines 6-8, *"Each school that has at least one student with diabetes enrolled shall provide to the department an annual report no later than October 15 of each year...."*

Additionally, the 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.

Respectfully, the recommended provisions of this measure would appear to be unnecessary at this time. The Department asks that this measure be held in committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 1221 SD1.

DAVID IGE  
GOVERNOR



CATHERINE PAYNE  
CHAIRPERSON

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FOR: SB1221 SD1 Relating to Health  
DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2015  
TIME: 9:10 a.m.  
COMMITTEE(S): Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
ROOM: Conference Room 211  
FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director  
State Public Charter School Commission

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Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit these written comments on Senate Bill 1221 SD1, “Relating to Health,” which would establish various requirements for public schools, both Department of Education schools and public charter schools, related to serving students with diabetes.

The Commission is strongly committed to ensuring that all students have fair access to Hawaii’s public charter schools. We would like to bring a few considerations to the Committee’s attention as it considers this proposal:

- The requirement that trained personnel accompany the student at all times, including when on the bus, may prove operationally challenging for public schools, especially public charter schools. Depending on the child’s particular circumstances, this may also be unnecessary.
- Each public school—especially each public charter school—may find it challenging on its own to provide annual training by a nurse or a health care professional, as the bill currently requires. We would respectfully request that the Committee consider providing that such training be made available to the schools, possibly by the Department of Health, and providing such resources as may be required for this.

- The requirement that the school implement a diabetes medical management plan for a student as submitted by a parent, as is, could preclude exploration of other approaches that may meet the student's medical needs while also better reflecting the school's operational needs or, if applicable, allowing for better incorporation into the student's Section 504 plan.
- If proposed section 302A-E on school enrollment is to be adopted, we would recommend that for ease of reference its provisions be applied to public charter schools separately by also amending Section 302D-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the section of the charter school statute that addresses enrollment.
- There are likely to be cost implications to allowing lawsuits against schools, and the recovery of attorney's fees, for failure to comply with all of the provisions of the proposed bill.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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February 27, 2015

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear: Chair Tokuda and Vice Chair Kouchi:

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 **SB1221 SD1** to ensure the care, safety, and education of students with diabetes in Hawaii.

**Favorable support of SB1221 SD1 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
- allow students with diabetes to possess, at all times, necessary supplies and equipment to perform diabetes monitoring and treatment activities under the student's diabetes medical management plan.

I encourage you to stand alongside the ADA and urge you to fully support **SB1221 SD1** to ensure that students with diabetes are safe at school and able to succeed at school academically.

- We have 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.
- These gaps place many students with diabetes in an unsafe medical environment and prevent them from participating fully in the classroom or school-sponsored activities.
- SB1221 SD1, follows the approach that nearly 30 states have taken in addressing such challenges by, allowing non-medical school personnel to volunteer to be trained to provide routine diabetes care to students, and by allowing students who are able to do so to self-manage their diabetes in the classroom or at school-sponsored events.

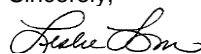
SB1221 SD1, allows school staff members who volunteer to be trained to provide diabetes care when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available. The bill includes language to authorize trained school staff to provide diabetes care and includes liability protections. The ADA has FREE training materials designed specifically for schools; therefore there will not be a cost to the school.

I strongly believe SB1221 SD1, is 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.

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](mailto:llam@diabetes.org) or 808.947.5979.

Sincerely,





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March 2, 2015

Written Testimony from Michael Hamilton, President

**RE: SB 1221**

February 28, 2015

Dear Senator Tokuda and Senator Kouchi,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB1221 to ensure the care, safety, and education of students with diabetes in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is a voluntary organization of over 200 pediatricians in Hawaii. Our mission is to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well being for infants, children, adolescents and young adults in Hawaii.

SB1221 will ensure that students with diabetes are safe at school and able to succeed at school academically.

- Students with diabetes qualify for a “504 Plan” that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. The 504 Plan sets out the actions the school will take to ensure that students with diabetes are safe, treated fairly and have the same access to education as other children. However, too often, parents of newly diagnosed students are not made aware of this plan and must take on the burden of their child’s diabetes care during the school day or risk having their child excluded from educational activities. This unfair treatment has a huge impact on the families, as the parents must often take time from work and other responsibilities, to care for their child during the school hours.
- The AAP Hawaii Chapter is concerned about the unfair treatment many children with diabetes face at school due to inadequate care and untrained staff.
- These gaps place many students with diabetes in an unsafe medical environment and prevent them from participating fully in the classroom or school-sponsored activities.
- SB 1221 aligns with the American Academy of Pediatrics Policy Statement: Guidelines for the Administration of Medication in School (2009) which recommends “trained and supervised unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) who have the required knowledge, skills, and composure to deliver specific school health services under the guidance of a licensed RN.”
- SB1221 follows the approach that most states have taken in addressing such challenges by, allowing non-medical school personnel to volunteer to be trained to provide routine diabetes care to students, and by allowing students who are able to do so to self-manage their diabetes in the classroom or at school-sponsored events.

**We would also recommend the following amendments, which are crucial to optimal care of students with diabetes:**

1. Permit students with diabetes to test their blood glucose during routine academic (including standardized) test taking, treat as needed, and resume test taking.
2. Make known to and assist parents or guardians of all students who have diabetes, the DOE policies regarding diabetes, the 504 process, the required forms, and other individualized plans and accommodations that the student may require. *Currently this is definitely not being done consistently.*

We strongly believe SB1221 is necessary to ensure students with diabetes receive the fair, appropriate care and are provided access to supplies they need at times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine diabetes care. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Michael Hamilton', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

R. Michael Hamilton, MD, FAAP  
President

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda  
The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means  
State Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice- Chair Kouchi, and Members:

As an active supporter of the work of the American Diabetes Association for many years, I write to urge support for the passage of **SB1221 SD1** **regarding** the health, safety, and education of children in Hawaii affected by diabetes. **SB1221 SD1** will:

- allow DOE employees to be properly trained and to be able to test blood glucose levels of students with diabetes and administer insulin or assist a student in the administration of insulin that he/she uses as outlined in the students diabetes medical management plan; and
- permit students who are able to test and self-manage their diabetes to do so in the classroom or any school-related event or activity; and
- let students who have diabetes possess, at all times, necessary supplies and equipment to perform their own diabetes monitoring and treatment activities called for under the student's diabetes medical management plan.

I strongly believe **SB1221 SD1** is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes are always protected and provided access to supplies and equipment they need to ensure their health and safety while in the schools. In the most extreme of circumstances, it could be life threatening if the health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available if and when the student needs care and attention.

I can assure you that this legislation will go a long way to address safety concerns for children with diabetes while they are in school. Mahalo for your consideration and support for this important legislation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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March 1, 2015

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The Honorable Senator Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
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**RE: SB 1221 SD 1 Please note additional reference on page 2 to SB 846  
In Strong Support of SB 1221 SD1 with proposed amendments**

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Successful academic achievement and preparedness for a productive life is seriously impaired among students who have life-threatening health needs that are not addressed during the school day and during school related activities. Diabetes is life-threatening for most children so affected.

**I am writing in strong support of SB 1221** which will vastly improve the ability of children who have diabetes to receive their life saving insulin and perform critical self management tasks during the school day and during school related activities... all of which are necessary for them to live safely with diabetes and become productive members of society. By being medically safe at school, these children will maximize their learning and go on to live rich, full, and productive lives.

Unfortunately, this is often not the case with children who have diabetes in Hawaii's schools. In many situations, parents have been instructed by school officials to enroll their child at a school that has a nurse, and in numerous situations, parents have had to take time off work every day to go to their child's school to give their child insulin, test blood sugar, etc. A number of parents have actually had to quit their jobs to care for their child during the school day, and some have actually moved to the mainland U.S. where care is available within the school system. A teenager (who was an honors student and active in his school and community) was warned that he could not keep any food in his possession (which is needed to treat low blood sugar), and if he was ever caught with an insulin syringe at school, he would be taken immediately to the police station! This youth, as with most teens who have diabetes, is well able to self manage his diabetes without a disruption in his learning- and with minimal supervision. Other students have had to postpone college admission- or received unfair failed or poor course grades because of experiencing time out to treat low blood sugar during timed tests or not being permitted to continue the exam (and thus failing).

For well over 20 years, I have been involved in numerous meetings with various school officials and others to address the critical health dangers faced (and experienced) when the issues noted below are not available to students- and in fact in numerous cases have been denied. Representing my official work and volunteer work, though attempted many times, I have never been given an appointment with any of the Superintendents in these 20 years. After many unsuccessful attempts to schedule a meeting over many years, when finally seen by the Chair of the Board of Education and two other members, we were told that our concern is not their responsibility. We were informed at a meeting this past year- and the DOE testified before the House Committee on Health in 2013- that that our concerns are clearly addressed in DOE policy This is NOT so!

**Diabetes is- and for many years has been considered a disability under the federal law through the American's with Disabilities Act- and thus all students who have diabetes qualify- and should be informed that they qualify for accommodations to be made via the 504 process.**

**The Department of Education has had many years of many opportunities to correct these serious concerns, and they have not. While a small amount of progress has been made over many years, there is still no DOE policy to address these serious issues, and the same calls of desperation continue year after year from parents of newly diagnosed children or when children transfer or advance to a new school.**

Though the diabetes care aspects of SB 1221, SD1 in its current form that now includes earlier proposed amendments by the American Diabetes Association are absolutely crucial, there are two additional aspects of care that are also live saving aspects of standards of care and self management for all children who have diabetes. **The following additional amendments to SB 1221, SD 1 would address these additional critical needs of students with diabetes:**

**\* permit students with diabetes to test their blood glucose during routine academic (including standardized) test taking, treat as needed, and resume test taking.**

**\* make known to and assist parents or guardians of all students who have diabetes, the DOE policies regarding diabetes, the 504 process, the required forms, and other individualized plans and accommodations that the student may require.** (Currently, many if not most parents are not made aware of the 504 process, nor of the role and access to Public Health/School Health Nurses when they notify their child's school that their child has diabetes. This is a huge issue!)

**Please note that SB 1221, SD 1 and these proposed amendments have no additional cost implications for the DOE.** In fact, passage of SB 1221, SD 1 with the proposed amendments should result in not only some cost savings, but **may very likely reduce the likelihood of lawsuits if the critical needs of these students are not met** (and they are NOT met at present). I welcome any concerns or questions and can best be reached at 808 271 1282 or at kadohiro@hawaii.edu.

**Finally, while SB 846 proposes a very long needed means to address the serious unresolved issues resulting from Act 51, establishment of a two year interagency task force to address the many health issues that affect students in our school system, the needs of students who have diabetes has been far to long overlooked. We cannot wait for another three to five years for a task force to convene, develop a plan and propose rules, engage in implementing the new rules, and further jeopardize the safety and learning potential of students who have diabetes. SB 1221 SD 1 is needed NOW! It was needed a long, long time ago!**

Mahalo nui loa for your interest in the health and learning of Hawaii's children!! I appreciate your serious attention to and support of SB 1221, SD 1, together with these very important amendments- all a basic standard of care of a child with diabetes all day, everyday throughout his or her life.

Dr. Jane K Kadohiro

Lifetime Volunteer and Past President, American Diabetes Association – Hawaii

Past National Board Member, American Diabetes Association

Chair, Advocacy Committee

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The Queen's Medical Center, Diabetes Center, retired. 2009-2013

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Public health Nurse, Hawaii State Department of Health, 1978-1991

Person with Type 1 Diabetes for 60 years

The Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Sen. Tokuda, Sen. Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I write today to ask for your support in the passage of SB1221 SD1 to end discrimination in our schools and protect the health, safety, and education of children in Hawaii who have diabetes. SB1221 SD1 will:

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- permit students who are able to test and self-manage their diabetes in the classroom or any school-related activity; and
- allow students with diabetes to possess, at all times, necessary supplies and equipment to perform diabetes monitoring and treatment activities under the student's diabetes medical management plan.

I strongly believe SB1221 SD1 is medically safe and necessary to ensure that my daughter 'Ana Louhuni Tupou, who lives with diabetes receive the appropriate care and is provided access to supplies she needs during those times when a health aide is not available for her daily routine diabetes care.

Keiki with diabetes and their families have patiently waited long enough, and we turn to you for resolution through the passage of this very important bill. I would greatly appreciate your consideration and urge you to support this important legislation and invite your colleagues to do the same.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. The ADA Hawaii Office is also available at (808) 947-5979, or via email at ADAHawaii@diabetes.org.

Mahalo nui loa,

Leona K. Tupou

Mother of 'Ana Louhuni, Age 10, Type 1 Diabetic

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**DeRamos, Brian**

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**From:** DeRamos, Brian  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 5:37 AM  
**To:** DeRamos, Brian

**Importance:** High

The Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
Hawaii State Capitol

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Mahalo nui loa,

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**DeRamos, Brian**

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**From:** DeRamos, Brian  
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Dear Sen. Tokuda, Sen. Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1221 SD1

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Mahalo nui loa,



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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda  
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and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means  
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Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice- Chair Kouchi, and Members:

As an active supporter of the work of the American Diabetes Association for many years, I write to urge support for the passage of **SB1221 SD1** **regarding** the health, safety, and education of children in Hawaii affected by diabetes. **SB1221 SD1** will:

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I strongly believe **SB1221 SD1** is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes are always protected and provided access to supplies and equipment they need to ensure their health and safety while in the schools. In the most extreme of circumstances, it could be life threatening if the health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available if and when the student needs care and attention.

I can assure you that this legislation will go a long way to address safety concerns for children with diabetes while they are in school. Mahalo for your consideration and support for this important legislation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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March 1, 2015

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**RE: SB 1221 SD 1 Please note additional reference on page 2 to SB 841  
In Strong Support of SB 1221 SD1 with proposed amendments**

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Successful academic achievement and preparedness for a productive life is seriously impaired among students who have life-threatening health needs that are not addressed during the school day and during school related activities. Diabetes is life-threatening for most children so affected.

**I am writing in strong support of SB 1221** which will vastly improve the ability of children who have diabetes to receive their life saving insulin and perform critical self management tasks during the school day and during school related activities... all of which are necessary for them to live safely with diabetes and become productive members of society. By being medically safe at school, these children will maximize their learning and go on to live rich, full, and productive lives.

Unfortunately, this is often not the case with children who have diabetes in Hawaii's schools. In many situations, parents have been instructed by school officials to enroll their child at a school that has a nurse, and in numerous situations, parents have had to take time off work every day to go to their child's school to give their child insulin, test blood sugar, etc. A number of parents have actually had to quit their jobs to care for their child during the school day, and some have actually moved to the mainland U.S. where care is available within the school system. A teenager (who was an honors student and active in his school and community) was warned that he could not keep any food in his possession (which is needed to treat low blood sugar), and if he was ever caught with an insulin syringe at school, he would be taken immediately to the police station! This youth, as with most teens who have diabetes, is well able to self manage his diabetes without a disruption in his learning- and with minimal supervision. Other students have had to postpone college admission- or received unfair failed or poor course grades because of experiencing time out to treat low blood sugar during timed tests or not being permitted to continue the exam (and thus failing).

For well over 20 years, I have been involved in numerous meetings with various school officials and others to address the critical health dangers faced (and experienced) when the issues noted below are not available to students- and in fact in numerous cases have been denied. Representing my official work and volunteer work, though attempted many times, I have never been given an appointment with any of the Superintendents in these 20 years. After many unsuccessful attempts to schedule a meeting over many years, when finally seen by the Chair of the Board of Education and two other members, we were told that our concern is not their responsibility. We were informed at a meeting this past year- and the DOE testified before the House Committee on Health in 2013- that that our concerns are clearly addressed in DOE policy This is NOT so!



**Diabetes is- and for many years has been considered a disability under the federal law through the American's with Disabilities Act- and thus all students who have diabetes qualify- and should be informed that they qualify for accommodations to be made via the 504 process.**

**The Department of Education has had many years of many opportunities to correct these serious concerns, and they have not. While a small amount of progress has been made over many years, there is still no DOE policy to address these serious issues, and the same calls of desperation continue year after year from parents of newly diagnosed children or when children transfer or advance to a new school.**

Though the diabetes care aspects of SB 1221, SD1 in its current form that now includes earlier proposed amendments by the American Diabetes Association are absolutely crucial, there are two additional aspects of care that are also live saving aspects of standards of care and self management for all children who have diabetes. **The following additional amendments to SB 1221, SD 1 would address these additional critical needs of students with diabetes:**

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**Please note that SB 1221, SD 1 and these proposed amendments have no additional cost implications for the DOE.** In fact, passage of SB 1221, SD 1 with the proposed amendments should result in not only some cost savings, but **may very likely reduce the likelihood of lawsuits if the critical needs of these students are not met** (and they are NOT met at present). I welcome any concerns or questions and can best be reached at 808 271 1282 or at kadohiro@hawaii.edu.

**Finally, while SB 841 proposes a very long needed means to address the serious unresolved issues resulting from Act 51, establishment of a two year interagency task force to address the many health issues that affect students in our school system, the needs of students who have diabetes has been far too long overlooked. We cannot wait for another three to five years for a task force to convene, develop a plan and propose rules, engage in implementing the new rules, and further jeopardize the safety and learning potential of students who have diabetes. SB 1221 SD 1 is needed NOW! It was needed a long, long time ago!**

Mahalo nui loa for your interest in the health and learning of Hawaii's children!! I appreciate your serious attention to and support of SB 1221, SD 1, together with these very important amendments- all a basic standard of care of a child with diabetes all day, everyday throughout his or her life.

Dr. Jane K Kadohiro

Lifetime Volunteer and Past President, American Diabetes Association – Hawaii

Past National Board Member, American Diabetes Association

Chair, Advocacy Committee

President and CEO, Diabetes Education and Support Consulting Services

The Queen's Medical Center, Diabetes Center, retired. 2009-2013

Professor and Advanced Practice RN from University of Hawaii, retired. 1991-2009

Deputy Director of Health, State of Hawaii, 2002-2004

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Person with Type 1 Diabetes for 60 years

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

It can be difficult for children to feel like they “fit in” with their peers. Imagine how difficult it must be on children who are diagnosed with the life-changing disease; why make their lives even more difficult? We should provide them with any medical assistance and considerations necessary to enhance their education so that they stay focused on learning.

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Mahalo nui loa,

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My family has experienced this discrimination first hand, and now are faced with putting our son in another new school as he will enter kindergarten this coming Fall. This bill is extremely important for not only our Keiki estimated to be 1000 in Hawaii with T1D, but to all the parents, teachers and school staff who interact with our Keiki.

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**Only Design Can Rebuild A World That Will Be Healthy For Both People And Nature;  
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And Resolve The Contradictions, Between Ecology  
And Culture... -Garrett Eckbo**

***Have A Great Day!***

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Mahalo nui loa,  
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Thank you,

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Please help our children have a better future by helping to provide a means necessary to encourage growth, confidence, and education.

Pass this legislation.

Aloha,

Amy Eng R.A

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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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Mahalo nui loa,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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As a parent of a 7 year old who has been living with diabetes for 5-1/2 years, we have seen what our child needs to be successful in school. Access to diabetes supplies are a necessity 24-hours a day, particularly during school hours when the stress of school activities often distracts a child from proper management and care. We need to make it as convenient as possible for our children to care for themselves and keep themselves safe. Testing and self managing are safe activities but must be done consistently and often, no matter where a child is. More often than not, you can't foresee when a child will fall into a compromising blood glucose situation. If a child has to make it to some other part of campus that is a sanctioned place to test or manage her health, it not only puts the child at risk, it is a loss of valuable learning time.

Living with type 1 diabetes sucks. It's relentless, it's exhausting and it's life altering. Our kids with this disease grow up much faster than their peers. The discipline necessary to keep them safe is daunting. These kids deserve a break and the support of an educational system that encourages them to make good choices and allows them the access and ease to care for an extremely complicated disease that haunts them 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. There is no break from this disease. We should at least give our kids a chance to live with it healthily, positively and safely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,  
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Mahalo nui loa,

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Thank you,

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I have two children, both under the age of five, and both of whom have type 1 diabetes. There is no way of expressing in words how difficult every day is for them, as well as for my husband and I. I have had to stop working so that I can provide care for both of them. I have until this coming October to return to my position or I lose my job completely. Financially, it's taken its toll on our family, but we hope this difficult time will soon pass.

Medically, it's also taken its toll on our family. Our children have seen more than their fair share of the emergency room, but through it all, they exude amazing resilience, bravery and happiness. They even have nick names for IV's "robot arms" and blood pressure cuffs "arm huggers". They remind me to always see the positive in things, and I am thankful for this.

I'd truly appreciate if you took **three minutes** to see for yourself just how wonderfully amazing our children are. I'm pretty sure most emails you're committee has received hasn't been happy cheerful ones in regards to this issue. **Please view our family video** in respect to our **children's fight against diabetes**. Keep in mind that the issue at hand will primarily affect families that deal with diabetes 24/7 with no break, even during sleep hours. All I'm requesting is three minutes screen time. It may open your eyes to a whole new world! FYI-yes, my little four year old niece in the video did have cancer and is now in remission!

[Our Story The DeRamos Family Display](#)

Mahalo and Aloha,

Christina DeRamos  
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**From:** [Tabitha Carreira-Halliwel](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Children with diabetes matter and need to be safe in school. Please pass SB1221 SD1  
**Date:** Monday, March 02, 2015 7:21:17 AM

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I am the mother of a five-year-old boy that was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 2 1/2. The diagnosis hit our family very hard. We have gone through a lot of emotional and physical stress to make sure our son grows as a healthy and happy child. His education is very important to us, so that he can fulfill his dreams and ambitions, as any other child. Maintaining him safe as school is of great importance to any parent, but it is even more important for parents with a child with diabetes. I hope that parents of children with diabetes don't have to go through the struggle of setting up diabetes care for their keiki from scratch, but that there is something already set up for this families.

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March 1, 2015

The Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
Hawai'i State Capitol

Dear Sen. Tokuda, Sen. Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I would like to humbly ask for your support in the passage of **SB1221 SD1** to end discrimination in our schools and protect the health, safety, and education of children in Hawai'i who have diabetes.

**SB1221 SD1** 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 student's diabetes medical management plan; and
- permit students who are able to test and self-manage their diabetes in the classroom or any school-related activity; and
- allow students with diabetes to possess, at all times, necessary supplies and equipment to perform diabetes monitoring and treatment activities under the student's diabetes medical management plan.

As the immediate past President of the Hawai'i Community Leadership Board of the American Diabetes Association, and a practicing Internist and Assistant Professor at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, I strongly believe **SB1221 SD1** is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes receive the appropriate care and are provided access to supplies they need provided during those times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine diabetes care.

Our children need your kokua. Keiki with diabetes and their families have patiently waited long enough, and we turn to you for resolution through the passage of this very important bill. I would greatly appreciate your consideration and urge you to support this important legislation and invite your colleagues to do the same.

Mahalo a nui loa for your kokua in passing **SB1221 SD1**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. The ADA Hawaii Office is also available at (808) 947-5979, or via email at [ADAHawaii@diabetes.org](mailto:ADAHawaii@diabetes.org).  
Me ka ha`a ha`a,

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The Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
Hawaii State Capitol

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
Hawaii State Capitol

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- 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 strongly believe **SB1221 SD1** is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes receive the appropriate care and are provided access to supplies they need provided during those times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine diabetes care.

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Mahalo nui loa,  
Ku'ulehua Lorenzo

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The Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Sen. Tokuda, Sen. Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I write today to ask for your support in the passage of **SB1221 SD1** to end discrimination in our schools and protect the health, safety, and education of children in Hawaii who have diabetes. **SB1221 SD1** will:

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- permit students who are able to test and self-manage their diabetes in the classroom or any school-related activity; and
- allow students with diabetes to possess, at all times, necessary supplies and equipment to perform diabetes monitoring and treatment activities under the student's diabetes medical management plan.

I strongly believe **SB1221 SD1** is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes receive the appropriate care and are provided access to supplies they need provided during those times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine diabetes care.

Keiki with diabetes and their families have patiently waited long enough, and we turn to you for resolution through the passage of this very important bill. I would greatly appreciate your consideration and urge you to support this important legislation and invite your colleagues to do the same.

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I am submitting testimony to ask for your support in the passage of **SB1221 SD1** to end discrimination in our schools and protect the health, safety, and education of children in Hawaii who have diabetes. **SB1221 SD1**, which is similar to a bill making its way through the House of Representatives, will:

- Allow department employees to be trained and to volunteer 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 student's diabetes medical management plan; and to
- Permit students who are able to test and self-manage their diabetes in the classroom or any school-related activity; and to
- Allow students with diabetes to possess, at all times, necessary supplies and equipment to perform diabetes monitoring and treatment activities under the student's diabetes medical management plan.

I strongly believe that the provisions described in **SB1221 SD1** are medically safe and necessary to ensure that 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.

Please support this important legislation and ask your colleagues to do the same.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me or contact the American Diabetes Association Hawaii Office at (808) 947-5979, or via email at [ADAHawaii@diabetes.org](mailto:ADAHawaii@diabetes.org).

Mahalo and Aloha.

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The Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Sen. Tokuda, Sen. Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

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I strongly believe **SB1221 SD1** is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes receive the appropriate care and are provided access to supplies they need provided during those times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine diabetes care.

Keiki with diabetes and their families have patiently waited long enough, and we turn to you for resolution through the passage of this very important bill. I would greatly appreciate your consideration and urge you to support this important legislation and invite your colleagues to do the same.

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Mahalo nui loa and Regards,  
**Ram Pascua, RN BSN**  
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means Leadership  
Hawaii State Capitol

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**I have two sons, both of whom have Type 1 Diabetes** and wear insulin pumps with continuous glucose monitors/CGM's. My older son Kaimana will be starting Kindergarten next school year, and my younger son Kai'olu will be turning two in April.

Having two children with diabetes has changed our lives completely. It's very busy, with little sleep for us as parents. There's plenty to worry about on a daily basis; someone has low blood sugar this moment needing juice while the other is jealous & crying asking why he can't have just a little. The next moment someone's blood sugar is ridiculously high and calls are being made to the doctor. Even with CGM's, both my boys have unfortunately made a few visits to the ER needing IV hydration "robot arms" as Kaimana calls them, due to hyperglycemia, high blood sugar. More common is the opposite, hypoglycemia, low blood sugar, which happens rapidly and is very scary. Kids don't want to stop playing or laughing to say they feel funny, my kids and other diabetic kids their age just play until they fall down usually. They don't know any better.

When most parents express their anxiety and fears over their first child attending Kindergarten, it usually doesn't include such things as training their child to check blood sugars, to tell their teacher when they feel hypoglycemic "low" or when they need a drink of water or a bathroom break, having the discipline to not share food with friends, and most of all worrying about them having a hypoglycemic emergency needing glucagon and how he'll get it. When it comes to children's fears over their first day of kindergarten, it also doesn't usually include those aforementioned things as well.

Being a registered nurse, I am well aware of the need for having safety protocols in place with trained individuals to carry them out. When my first son was diagnosed, my husband Brian was trained on how to care for a diabetic child, and how to give insulin and glucagon. He has no medical background and yet, is able to carry out these duties successfully. I truly believe that SB1221 SD1 is medically safe and necessary to ensure that my children and all the children of Hawaii with diabetes receive appropriate

**care. I also believe my children have the right to be safe at school.**

I strongly believe **SB1221 SD1** is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes receive the appropriate care and are provided access to supplies they need provided during those times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine diabetes care.

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Hawaii State Capitol

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As the past president of the Hawaii State PTSA, I strongly believe **SB1221 SD1** is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes receive the appropriate care and are provided access to supplies they need provided during those times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine diabetes care.

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Mahalo nui loa,

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