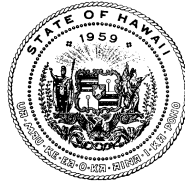


SB2975

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:	HB2494
Package:	None
Current Referral:	EDU, CPH
Introducer(s):	KIDANI, BAKER, ENGLISH, KEITH-AGARAN, SHIMABUKURO, Wakai



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2975
RELATING TO BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: February 26, 2016 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports this bill and defers to the Department of
3 Education (DOE) for issues on implementation.

4 The purpose of this bill is to include blood glucose monitoring by the student and DOE
5 employees and agents who volunteer to assist a student with blood glucose monitoring. Public
6 Health Nursing Branch currently provides education and training on proper administration of
7 insulin and glucagon in the school setting. Students requiring diabetes care in the school setting
8 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.

14 **Offered Amendments:** None

From: [Kaufman, Andrew](#)
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Mahalo for your time!

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And Resolve The Contradictions, Between Ecology
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
KATHY LOUI-YASUI	Individual	Support	No

Comments: AS A MOTHER OF A DIABETIC DAUGHTER WHO HAS HAD TO GIVE HERSELF 6 SHOTS A DAY, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Sarah Afong and I am a graduation student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. My three year old daughter has type 1 diabetes. I had such difficulty finding a school that had staff and/were willing to administer her insulin. The University at Manoa Child Center, which she attends, was the only school willing to have ADA staff come and train her preschool teachers. This was before the passage of the bill that requires public schools to Get training for students with diabetes. My child deserves to have people on staff, at any school she may go to, who can assist me in caring for her. I am in favor of this bill SB2975.

Mahalo for your kokua,

Sarah Afong

Masters Candidate at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning