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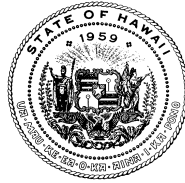
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Title of Bill: SB 0841 RELATING TO SCHOOL HEALTH.

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 SB 841 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 SB 841
Relating to School Health**

SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR/SENATOR JOSH GREEN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION/HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 4, 2015

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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SB 841 provided that its passage
- 3 does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget. This Bill directs the
- 4 Department of Education (DOE) and the DOH to convene an interagency working group to create a
- 5 comprehensive school health program. This program will include a comprehensive, sustainable plan to
- 6 address, at a minimum, issues related to (1) the development of a school health program infrastructure
- 7 and a recommendation regarding the department in which to place such a program to ensure what is
- 8 best for students attending DOE schools; (2) the transfer of health aides from the DOH to the DOE; (3)
- 9 the training of department of education employees and agents relating to the administration of
- 10 medication to students by the DOH; (4) the identification of existing barriers and mechanisms necessary
- 11 to maximize all relevant and available federal funds for services that may be offered through the school
- 12 health program; and (5) any personnel issues that may arise as a result of the comprehensive plan,
- 13 including the transfer of personnel from one department to another.
- 14 **Offered Amendments:** None.



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Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

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The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, supports Senate Bill 841, 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.

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Comments: Just guessing but suspect the 10,000 charter students and their over 20,000 immediate family members might also be interested in student health. Do not understand why they would be explicitly excluded.

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