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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0846 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Authorizes Department of Education (DOE) employees and agents to volunteer to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to a student with anaphylaxis in an emergency situation. Allows DOE to make arrangements to receive auto-injectable epinephrine supplies from manufacturers or suppliers. Requires DOE to report on the status of implementation.

Department's Position:

AMENDED TESTIMONY

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 846. This bill will allow Department employees and agents to volunteer to administer epinephrine in an emergency situation to students with anaphylaxis when needed. Volunteers will also receive training in the proper administration of epinephrine.

Parents or guardians provide the school with any medication required to be administered to their child during the school day.

However, the Department has concerns about the potential fiscal implications related to any direct purchases of auto-injectable epinephrine supplies from auto-injectable manufacturers or suppliers. As such, the Department respectfully requests that the following language be removed from this measure (p.3, lines 11-13): *"The department may also make arrangements to receive auto-injectable epinephrine supplies from auto-injectable epinephrine manufacturers or suppliers."*

Further, the Department respectfully informs this committee that it is in the process of reviewing the collective bargaining agreement between the Hawaii State Teachers Association and the Board of Education in regards to this measure.

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February 2, 2015

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Senate
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The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Senate
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RE: SB 846

Testimony for joint hearing February 4, 2015 at 1:15 pm Room 229

Dear Senator Kidani, Senator Harimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education: and Senator Green, Senator Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health

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 support of SB 1221 which will, in part, greatly improve the attainment of daily care during the school day and during school related activities for of all children who have diabetes and attend public schools in Hawaii. 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.

For 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 addressed in HB 10 and the proposed amendments 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. that our concerns are clearly addressed in DOE policy (which it is NOT).

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. SB 1221 and or SB 846, together with the following amendments (please see also, those amendments proposed by the American Diabetes Association) will vastly improve the care, safety, and educational success of students with diabetes in Hawaii:

- allow department employees and others 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;
- permit students who are able to test and self-manage their diabetes (including high and low blood glucose levels) in the classroom or at any school-related activity;
- 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.
- * 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.

Mahalo nui loa for your interest in the health and learning of Hawaii's children!! I am most appreciative of your serious attention to and support of SB 1221 and SB 846, together with these highly recommended amendments.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any concerns or questions. I can best be reached at kadohiro@hawaii.edu or at 808 271 1282.

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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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February 3, 2015

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Senate Committee on Education and Senate Committee on Health
Michelle N. Kidani, Chair Josh Green, Chair
Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Michelle N. Kidani, and Josh Green, and committee members:

I am writing to ask for your support of **SB 846 with the following amendments** to ensure the care, safety, and education of students with diabetes in Hawaii.

Please support the American Diabetes Association's SB 846 with amendments to language to:

- 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 outline in the students 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.

I stand alongside the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and urge you to support SB 1221 or SB 846 and the suggested amendments, to ensure that students with diabetes are safe at school and able to succeed at school academically.

- The ADA has identified gaps in diabetes care provided by Hawaii schools, and 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.
- SB 846, as amended, 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 school-sponsored events.

SB 1221 or SB 846, as amended, 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 be not be a cost to the school.*

I strongly believe SB 1221 or SB 846, as amended, is medically safe and necessary to ensure students with diabetes have the appropriate care and access to supplies they need provided during those times when a health aide, nurse, or contract nurse is not available for daily routine care.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration and urge you to support for this important amendment and invite your colleagues to do the same.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (808) 395-7598. The ADA Hawaii Office is also available at (808) 947-5979, or via email at adahawaii@diabetes.org.

Mahalo nui loa,

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