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Date: 02/08/2018
Time: 09:00 AM
Location: 329
Committee: House Health and Human Services

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2185, HD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for positions to increase school-health coordination for and among the Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services. Establishes evidence-based screenings and assessment for school vision, oral health, and behavioral health. Effective 7/1/2025. (HB2185 HD1)

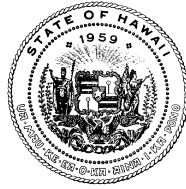
Department's Position:

The Department of Education (DOE) supports HB 2185 HD1. This measure establishes school health services coordinator positions in the DOE, Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Human Services (DHS) MedQUEST Division to enhance the statewide coordination of school based health services focused on vision and oral health for students.

The DOE appreciates additional funding, provided the passage of HB 2185 HD1 does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOE-approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2185 HD1.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 2185 HD1
RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: February 7, 2018

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health appreciates the intent of House Bill 2185 House
2 Draft 1 (H.B. 2185 HD1), but respectfully defers to the Department of Education regarding
3 implementation of the measure and to the priorities set forth in the Governor's Supplemental
4 Budget Request.

5 H.B. 2185 HD1 appropriates general funds for a school health services coordinator within
6 each of the Departments: Education (DOE), Health (DOH), and Human Services (DHS), in the
7 total amount of \$225,000. This bill also appropriates general funds to the DOE in the amount of
8 \$1,000,000 to develop evidence-based screening and assessment for oral, vision, and behavioral
9 health.

10 **Department Testimony:** The purpose of H.B. 2185 HD 1 is to establish positions within the
11 DOE, DOH, and DHS to elevate the coordination of school based health services for, and
12 among, the departments and to establish evidence-based screening and assessment for oral,
13 vision, and behavioral health screening.

14 Healthy students are better learners and investing in healthy, successful students helps
15 build strong communities. The DOH has a long history of collaboration with DOE. This
16 includes addressing needs such as public health surveillance systems, nursing, behavioral health,
17 substance abuse, health education, wellness policy, oral health, and immunization. The DOH
18 also recognizes the importance of increasing coordination across government agencies and other
19 stakeholders including medical service providers, institutes of higher education, health

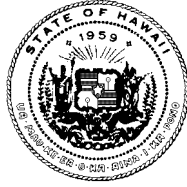
1 organizations, and community-based organizations to advance a unified and collaborative system
2 for student learning and health. The DOH partners with the DOE, DHS, and a wide array of
3 community-based organizations to improve the health, well-being, and academic success of
4 students in and outside of the school setting. DOH partnership with the DOE is guided by the
5 “[Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child](#)” model, which is centered on the child, with
6 the range of learning and health support systems integrated between the school and community.
7 In this way, the school is a hub, and focal reflection of its community that provides input,
8 resources, and collaborates for the sake of the child.¹

9 The Department appreciates the positions proposed for the coordination across the three
10 state agencies, provided that this does not negatively impact the Governor’s Supplemental
11 Budget request.

12 **Offered Amendments:** None.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2016). *Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/wsccl/>



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
P. O. Box 339
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February 7, 2018

TO: The Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2185 HD 1 – RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH**

Hearing: Thursday, February, 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of the measure and offers comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill appropriates funds for positions to increase school-health coordination for and among the Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services. Establishes evidence-based screenings and assessment for school vision, oral health, and behavioral health.

The State's Medicaid program, QUEST Integration (QI), already provides coverage for over 40 percent of all children in Hawaii. This includes the extensive Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) for all children covered by our program. We also currently work with school-based health programs at both the Department of Education (DOE) and the Department of Health (DOH). We recognize the importance of investing in children's health early to help enable educational success. Eventually, well-educated, healthy children become educated, employed and healthy adults, which benefits all. The bill could offer additional supports and ability to complement what we are currently doing. However, we would want to ensure that any such efforts be integrated and complementary, and not duplicative. Thus, strong collaboration will be essential to the success.

We add that screening, diagnosis and treatment are best at the earliest age possible. Thus, we would suggest that early education and pre-school programs be included in the collaborative efforts proposed by this bill. Additionally, other social services may be needed for the children and their families in using an 'Ohana Nui, or multi-generational approach that focuses on the integrated needs of the child and family. Provided that the Governor's administrative and budgetary priorities are not affected, the positions to be located at DHS, DOE, and DOH focused on school-based health/children's health would be welcomed.

We respectfully defer to the testimony of DOE and DOH as the measure pertains to those agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



**Testimony to the House Committee on Health and Human Services
Thursday, February 8, 2018; 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

RE: COMMENT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2185, HOUSE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH.

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA offers the following **COMMENTS** on House Bill No. 2185, House Draft 1, RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH

The bill, as received by your Committee, would:

- (1) Appropriate \$75,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 for one full-time equivalent school health services coordinator position within the Department of Education (DOE);
- (2) Appropriate \$75,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 for one full-time equivalent school health services coordinator position within the Department of Health (DOH);
- (3) Appropriate \$75,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 for one full-time equivalent school health services coordinator position within the Department of Human Services (DHS);
- (4) Appropriate \$500,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 to be expended by DOE, to develop an evidence-based vision screening and eye assessment system for children in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve;
- (5) Appropriate \$250,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 to be expended by DOE, to develop an evidence-based oral screening and assessment system for children in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve;
- (6) Appropriate \$250,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 to be expended by DOE, to develop an evidenced based behavioral health screening and assessment system for children in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve; and
- (7) Take effect on July 1, 2025.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of health.

While the HPCA welcomes the intent of this measure, we have concerns that this measure may unintentionally and inadvertently conflict with efforts to establish school-based health clinics at certain public schools situated near existing Community Health Center facilities. These school-based clinics provide broader and more intensive primary care services than that which would be provided under the auspices of this bill.

In your efforts to provide baseline primary health care services to school-aged youths, we respectfully urge you not to take any steps that may duplicate existing services, diminish the level of services that are currently provided, or preclude the establishment of more intensive and comprehensive services at public schools.

Both Koolauloa Health Center (KHC) and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) have worked with the DOE to establish school-based clinics at public schools situated near their facilities. Other Community Health Centers have examined their models and are currently considering entering into agreements with the DOE to create similar programs at nearby schools. **We are concerned that the appropriations authorized under this bill will duplicate or conflict with these efforts and unfortunately reduce the level of services that is currently being provided at certain schools, or might be provided to more schools in the future.**

Furthermore, as presently drafted, it is unclear whether the establishment of the positions within DOH and DHS would necessitate the approval from both departments in addition that from the DOE before any health care service could be provided at a school facility, such as those currently provided by KHC and WCCHC. This could potentially exacerbate the complexity of negotiations on any memorandum of agreement between the community health center and the State.

In addition, while a community health center providing services through a school-based program would be able to obtain reimbursement for services through private insurance or Medicaid, any program funded by appropriation will require continued State funding to stay operational.

As mentioned earlier, HPCA is merely commenting on this measure and will continue to monitor it as it goes through the legislative process. We are partners with the entire community and want to work with all parties for what is best for our citizens.

In advance, thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

February 8, 2018

The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health and Human Services

Re: HB 2185, HD1 – Relating to School Based Health

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 2185, HD1, which appropriates funds for positions to increase school-health coordination for and among the Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services, and establishes evidence-based screenings and assessment for school vision, oral health, and behavioral health. HMSA supports this bill which ultimately looks to improving the academic and health outcomes of Hawaii's public school students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2185, HD1.

Sincerely,

Pono Chong
Vice-President, Government Relations



Date: February 8, 2018

To: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health & Human Services

From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: **Support for HB 2185, HD 1 Relating to School-Based Health**

Hrg: February 8, 2018 at 9:00 am at Capitol Room 329

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 2185, HD 1 which establishes positions within the Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services to provide and coordinate school-based health services. HIPHI defers to the departments on budget implications and implementation.

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawai'i. HIPHI weaves silos into working relationships as an effective network, ensuring that we come together across sectors to advance collaboration and innovation in public health and work towards making Hawai'i the healthiest place to live.

HIPHI supports the intent of HB 2185, but offers the following comments and recommendations for this measure. HIPHI supports the importance of coordinating inter-agency efforts to address school-based health services. School-based health services can provide essential access to primary care services, including well-child visits, vaccinations, mental health counseling, and treatment of minor injury/illness as well as chronic disease. However, HIPHI acknowledges that to provide high quality care, school-based health services require an incredible amount of coordination for data-sharing, facilitating provider and payer relationships, outreach and promotion within the community, and the integration of health and social services available outside of the school setting.

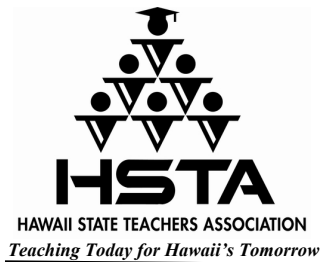
HIPHI recognizes that it is not the intent of this measure to duplicate current community-based efforts and requests the legislature to consider including both community and provider stakeholders as part of any statewide school-based health program.

HIPHI would also like to ensure that these efforts would not replace any existing physical examination requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Yamauchi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jessica Yamauchi, MA
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

RE: HB 2185, HD1 - RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 2185, HD1**, relating to schools.

Student success demands a nourished body and mind. Too often, our children come to school hungry or without access to quality medical care, leaving them lurching through the school day, rather than learning instructional content.

Nearly 91,000 public school students qualify for free or reduced-price meals in our state. For the 2016-2017 school year, 50.5 percent of public school students were classified as “economically challenged.” Additionally, 182 of our state’s public schools count as Title I schools, namely schools in which at least 47.2 percent of enrolled students come from low-income families.

Research shows that socioeconomic status is the indicator that correlates most strongly with academic achievement. The more affluent a child’s family and community, in general, the greater the likelihood that the child will succeed academically. Families of low SES students, on the other hand, lack the resources to meet fundamental child needs. They frequently cannot afford doctoral visits or medicine to keep a child well. Sometimes, they can’t afford to pay for meals.

We must establish a more coordinated continuum of care for economically disadvantaged youth. The network of services envisioned by this proposal comports with the community schools model for struggling schools, which emphasizes

wraparound services, like health care, and amplifies social services' access to school campuses. In employing high quality teaching and culturally sensitive curricula, prioritizing restorative justice, and highlighting community engagement, community schools have been shown to increase graduation rates and college enrollment, while decreasing behavioral referrals and health risks. Under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, up to 7 percent of Title I funding may be used to uplift our state's lowest performing 5 percent of schools. Investing in community schools would empower teachers to become change agents in addressing community needs and provide invaluable services to vulnerable keiki.

For the sake of our students' wellness, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

HB-2185-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/7/2018 8:45:00 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/8/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Thursday, February 8, 2018
9:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2185, HD1, RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH

To the Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair; the Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Health & Human Services:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2185 HD1 relating to a School-Based Health Coordinator working in conjunction with the Department of Education; Department of Health; Department of Human Services to conduct vision screening, oral health, behavioral health, and assessment in the Public Schools.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in support of House Bill No. 2185 HD1 and is in favor of its passage.

House Bill No.2185 HD1 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates funds for positions to increase school-health coordination for and among the Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services and establishes evidence-based screenings and assessment for school vision, oral health, and behavioral health.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that "[w]e support community health initiatives that provide opportunities for the overall health of communities through strategic projects and programs focusing on increased interaction and physical activities among all age groups, as well as on better nutrition." (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 378-380 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2185 HD1 allows for a School-Based Health Coordinator in working in conjunction with the Department of Education; Department of Health; Department of Human Services to conduct vision screening, oral health, behavioral health, and assessments in the Public Schools, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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Hawaii Dental Association

LATE

To: The House Committee on Health and Human Services
Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., February 8, 2018
Location: Capitol Conference Room 329
Re: **SUPPORT FOR HB 2185, HD 1, RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH.**

Aloha! My name is Dr. Robert Baysa and I serve as the president of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA), a professional association comprised of approximately 950 member-dentists. The Hawaii Dental Association is a statewide professional membership organization representing dentists practicing in Hawaii and licensed by the State of Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. HDA members are committed to protecting the oral health and well-being of all of the people of Hawaii, from keiki to kupuna and everyone in between.

We are writing in **strong support** of HB 2185, HD1, which appropriates funds for positions to increase school-health coordination between the Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services while establishing evidence-based screenings and assessment for school vision, oral health, and behavioral health.

Unfortunately, Hawaii's youth falls short when compared to their national counterparts in dental health. Creating good oral health habits at an early age will go a long way to reversing this trend. As we know, oral health is a key determinant of physical, psychological, and social health. By increasing health funding and coordination between these agencies, it is an investment that will not only lead to better health outcomes for Hawaii's keiki, but education outcomes as well.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

Respectfully,
Dr. Robert Baysa, D.D.S
President, Hawaii Dental Association

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Rep. Della Au Belatti

Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola

Rep. Lei R. Learnmont

HEARING: Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 9:00am, Conference Room 329

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2185 HD 1: RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH

I am a Masters candidate attending the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii'i at Mānoa.

During my years in the program I have been granted the great opportunity of working as a graduate student intern at a non-profit organization serving students at Department of Education (DOE) public schools, and also working at a DOE school with highly efficient, knowledgeable, and skilled behavioral mental health counselors and specialists. However, I know that this particular program is not accessible to all the children in the state, and that is something completely addressable through this bill **HB 2185 HD 1**.

I fully support this bill as I have seen first hand the great benefits of having a behavioral mental health clinical specialist at a Hawai'i public school. This specialist can see students in between classes, observe their behaviors, and assess and diagnose them if necessary. Then, with permission from the parents or guardians, the children can also start receiving therapy from the school-based clinical specialist. What truly is effective about this program is that the parents and guardians are so much more likely to be open to meet with the specialist and discuss their child when they are only seen going into their child's school- a typical place for a parent or guardian to be- compared to being worried about being seen walking into a hospital. It is also just more logistically convenient for the parents and guardians who work long hours and don't have the time to take their child to a specialist all the way in town.

With this funding, the DOE can have the extra skilled hands to provide services to children all over the state, all day long. I have also seen firsthand the need for more dental care and vision care for the students, from kindergarten to 12th grade. I believe that this school-based service would again encourage the parents to consent to their child being treated as the services are already offered at the school and not at a clinic on the other side of the H3.

HB 2185 HD 1 reiterates the effectiveness of school-based programs, which are equipped with educated, knowledgeable, and funded staff. Should this bill be allowed to pass, so many more children will have access to oral health care, vision care, and behavioral mental health care.

Please vote **YES** on **HB 2185 HD 1** to allow greater access to care for the children who make up the future of Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Winfrey

MSW candidate

Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

Thursday, February 8, 2018; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329

House Committee on Health & Human Services

To: Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President – Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: HB 2185, HD1 – Testimony in Support

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care. Its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – specialize in innovative programs in women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, bone and joint services and more. Hawai'i Pacific Health is recognized nationally for its excellence in patient care and the use of electronic health records to improve quality and patient safety.

I am writing in support of HB 2185, HD1 which appropriates funds for positions to increase school-health coordination among the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and establishes screenings and assessments for school vision, oral health and behavioral health. School-based health programs and services have been found to be an effective means of continuing collaboration among the key state agencies to achieve comprehensive health outcomes for our keiki attending public schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-2185-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 8:21:01 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/8/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Marshall		Support	No

Comments:

HB-2185-HD-1

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Testimony for HHS on 2/8/2018 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No

Comments: