

SB2986

Measure Title: RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.
Report Title: Jason Flatt Act; Suicide Prevention Training; School Personnel
Description: Requires two hours of annual in-service training in suicide prevention for all teachers, principals, and school counselors.
Companion: [HB2262](#)
Package: None
Current Referral: LBR, WAM
Introducer(s): ENGLISH, BAKER, DELA CRUZ, GABBARD, KEITH-AGARAN, NISHIHARA, K. RHOADS, TOKUDA, Harimoto, Ihara, K. Kahele, Taniguchi, L. Thielen

<u>Sort by</u> <u>Date</u>	Status Text
1/24/2018	S Introduced.
1/24/2018	S Passed First Reading.
1/26/2018	S Referred to LBR, WAM.
2/9/2018	S The committee(s) on LBR has scheduled a public hearing on 02-13-18 3:00PM in conference room 229.

S = Senate | **H** = House | **D** = Data Systems | **\$** = Appropriation measure | **ConAm** = Constitutional Amendment
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Date: 02/13/2018
Time: 03:00 PM
Location: 229
Committee: Senate Labor

Department: Education
Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education
Title of Bill: SB 2986 RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.
Purpose of Bill: Requires two hours of annual in-service training in suicide prevention for all teachers, principals, and school counselors.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 2986, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Board of Education approved budget. The Department supports efforts to disseminate information to its employees that support the health and welfare of all students.

In addition, should the Committee move the bill forward, the Department recommends the following language change in the bill:

Page 3, Line #14: "S302A - Suicide prevention; ~~in-service training~~ resources. The"

Page 3, Line #15: "department ~~shall require that in-service training include at~~ shall offer information on resources"

Page 3, Line #16: "~~least two hours of~~ on suicide prevention education for all"

Page 3, line #17: "~~teachers, principals, and school counselors~~ employees. ~~and principals each school year.~~"

Page 3, Line #18: "This education may be accomplished through the provision and"

Page 3, Line #19: "~~completion~~ availability of suicide prevention materials approved by the"

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2986.

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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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Testimony in Support of SB2986

February 13, 2018, 3:00 pm, Room 229

The Hawai'i Psychological Association endorses SB2986, which requires two hours of annual in-service training in suicide prevention for all teachers, principals, and school counselors.

The suicide rate among youth has been rising, and historically exceeds that of the general population. At risk youth often exhibit signs of intention for self-harm, which can be missed or overlooked by untrained adults. Educators and school staff interact daily with the student population, making them potential first responders for identifying suicide risk among youth.

HPA supports SB2986, which protects the welfare of young people enrolled in school.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of SB2986.

Respectfully submitted,

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 2:24:38 PM

Testimony for LBR on 2/13/2018 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying on behalf of OCC Legislative Priorities Committee	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 7:51:20 AM

Testimony for LBR on 2/13/2018 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brent Oto	Testifying on behalf of U.S. Army - Hawaii - Suicide Prevention Program	Support	No

Comments: