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**Location:** 229  
**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 1522 RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES.

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds for the Hawaii keiki: healthy and ready to learn program.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 1522, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Education (BOE) approved budget.

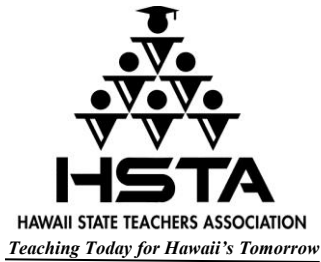
In the second year of the 2017-19 Fiscal Biennium (FY19), the Hawaii Keiki base budget was provided an allocation of \$2,147,282. That said, SB 1522 requests the appropriation for the BOE's increase of \$752,066 beyond the base budget of \$2,147,282. The base budget and requested increase will make the program budget whole, providing an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) to all 15 Complex Areas as well as the administrative/technical support structure, as currently operationalized.

The Department's Hawaii Keiki budget request to the BOE is on page 12 of Superintendent Christina M. Kishimoto's memo, dated October 18, 2018:  
[http://boe.hawaii.gov/Meetings/Notices/Meeting%20Material%20Library/FIC\\_10182018\\_Action%20on%20DOE%20Proposed%20Operating%20Budget%202019-2021%20FB.pdf](http://boe.hawaii.gov/Meetings/Notices/Meeting%20Material%20Library/FIC_10182018_Action%20on%20DOE%20Proposed%20Operating%20Budget%202019-2021%20FB.pdf)

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

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](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).





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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION

RE: SB 1522 - RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 1522**, relating to school-based health services.

The Hawaii Keiki: Healthy Ready to Learn Program is designed to improve access to and increase the quality of school-based health services available to Hawaii's public school students by coordinating and expanding the existing efforts of community partners and resources. This partnership program with the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene supports the department of education in achieving student, school, and system success by providing school health nursing and primary care services to public schools in five complex areas.

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.

In 2015, the legislature appropriated general funds to improve access to and increase the quality of health services available to Hawaii's public school students. This appropriation led to the expansion of the Hawaii Keiki program, with five advanced practice registered nurses and five registered nurses serving seven complex areas across three islands. During this time, the Hawaii Keiki program also established five school-based health centers. The program was further expanded since then. The goal is to expand the Hawaii Keiki program to all fifteen department of education complex areas statewide; expand the program to allow the state public charter school commission to launch the program in two public charter schools serving disadvantaged keiki; provide access to preventive oral health services and establish a pilot oral health screening and preventative services program on a neighbor island; enhance data collection, sharing, analysis, and reporting; and engage in interdepartmental school health coordination.



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Today, over 50 percent of Hawai'i public school students receive free or reduced price meals, meaning their families' income levels are too low to cover the full cost of their children's basic needs. Additionally, 187 of our state's public schools count as Title I schools, namely schools in which at least 40 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.

Student success demands a healthy body and mind. If our students come to school hungry or without access to quality medical care, they are left struggling through the school day, rather than being able to focus on their learning.

The Hawai'i Keiki program provides nursing services that prevent communicable illness and improve treatable health conditions, which are especially important for economically disadvantaged youth, so they can not only be healthy, but they are able to focus on their learning. For the sake of our students' wellness, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**  
Legislative Testimony

**LATE**

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Education  
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**SB 1522 – RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB1522. This bill appropriates funds for the Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program.

The 2015 Legislature, in its wisdom, recognized that students must come to school healthy and ready to learn. Through Act 139, you provided fiscal support to provide school based health services through a Department of Education (DOE) partnership with the UH Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH). We launched this program by placing one APRN in seven Complex Areas in schools in disadvantaged communities on O'ahu, Kaua'i, and the Island of Hawai'i. Second, we partner with public and private agencies to provide evidence based school health services to ensure screening for common conditions, up to date immunizations, and together with primary care providers, we ensure management of chronic conditions that impact readiness to learn. Further, the program partners with both state agencies and the health care delivery sector to forge innovative partnerships to improve health and achievement of students, schools, and communities.

The Legislature funded the program line item in the DOE budget in the first year of the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium to develop school-based nurse practitioner (APRN) delivered services in Complex Areas statewide, increase access to nursing and health related career development to DOE students and schools, and facilitate maximizing partnerships with public and private organizations addressing health needs in schools.

In the second year of the 2017-19 Fiscal Biennium (FY19), the Legislature reaffirmed commitment to the health and well-being of school aged children with Hawai'i Keiki in the base budget at an allocation of \$2,147,282. That said, SB 1522 requests the appropriation for the Board of Education's increase of \$752,066 beyond the base budget of \$2,147,282 as requested by Superintendent Kishimoto in a memo to the

Board of Education dated October 18, 2018. The base budget and requested increase will make the program budget whole, providing an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) to all 15 Complex Areas as well as the administrative/technical support structure, as currently operationalized.

Therefore, the UHM SONDH respectfully requests that SB 1522 pass as written. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, nursing, and school-based health care services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**LATE**

**SB-1522**

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| Melodie Aduja       | Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: