

SCR99

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF CONSOLIDATED, CONSISTENT HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN IN THE STATE.

Report Title: School Based Health Services; Working Group

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Package: None

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Introducer(s): BAKER, ENGLISH, INOUYE, KANUHA, RUDERMAN, J.Keohokalole, Kidani, Kim, Moriwaki, Nishihara, Taniguchi



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Location: 229

Committee: Senate Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health
Senate Human Services
Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Resolution: SCR 099 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF
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GROUP TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF CONSOLIDATED,
CONSISTENT HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN IN THE STATE.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 99, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Education approved budget.

It is the Department's vision that Hawaii's students are educated, healthy, and joyful lifelong learners who contribute positively to our community and global society. This Senate Concurrent Resolution will help effectuate Board of Education Policy 103-4, which states, "Schools may partner with relevant government agencies and community organizations to support the provision of coordinated school health services whenever mutually agreeable to benefit students. Based on school community needs and available resources, schools may implement a range of services including but not limited to primary and preventive health care; dental, vision, and hearing screenings and services; school counseling, school based behavioral health, mental health, social services, school nutrition, health literacy education, physical education, a healthy school environment, and staff health and wellness."

We look forward to collaborating with state and community partners to achieve this vision and policy.

The Department respectfully asks that a lead agency be designated to facilitate this interdepartmental working group.

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.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Senate Committee on Human Services

and

Senate Committee on Education

Monday, March 25, 2019 at 10:45 a.m.

by

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SCR 99 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF CONSOLIDATED, CONSISTENT HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN IN THE STATE.

Chairs Baker, Ruderman and Kidani, Vice Chairs Chang, Rhoads and Kim, and members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SCR 99.

This resolution recognizes that chronic absenteeism, poor health, and delayed or limited access to healthcare and preventive health services hinder students' academic success and schools' ability to meet the needs of the whole child. To address these challenges, this resolution establishes an interdepartmental working group to address the lack of consolidated, consistent health screening programs in public schools for children in the state and to submit a report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020.

National evidence shows the presence of school-based licensed health care professionals, including APRNs and registered nurses (RNs), decreases absenteeism and time away from class of children with acute and chronic conditions, increases parents' and caregivers' time at work, and principals' and teachers' instructional time (Wong, 2014).

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 for school-based health services through a Department of Education (DOE) partnership with the

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (UHMSONDH) that enabled Hawai'i Keiki (UHM SONDH) to provide at least one school-based APRN to each of the 15 Complex Areas and 3 RNs to selected high need schools on four islands.

We are pleased to report the program has nurses on O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i Island. In the three-month period from October through December 2018 the program documented, with the school health aides (SHAs), that 5,300 students made 14,090 visits to the health rooms. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of students were able to return to class with an average time in the health room of 15 minutes for care for illness, injury or health guidance. Hawai'i Keiki provided 85 consultations to DOE staff and parents regarding keiki with new or existing health conditions.

Since beginning this work, Hawai'i Keiki has engaged with DOE, interdepartmental, and community partners to enrich, expand and coordinate the school-based health services available to students. Nurses engaged with DOE administrators, staff, and district-level Parent-Community Networking Centers (PCNC) to support wellness goals and with Parent-Teacher Associations (PTA) to develop emergency response protocols and to facilitate requisition of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for schools. Other highlights include partnering with DOH for Stop Flu at School, Project Vision for vision screening, and leading a school-based UH health sciences team of child psychiatry, clinical pharmacy, and dental hygienists at one middle school.

Additionally, the project is supporting the successful statewide launch of a web-based school health record system that is capturing data to create school health profiles, ensure student health records are current (FERPA and HIPAA compliant), provide data to guide State planning and resource allocation, and share data across public agencies (via data sharing agreements). Hawai'i Keiki has also identified the elements of Essential School Based Health Services.

UHM SONDH recognizes that more progress is needed to ensure that all keiki in Hawai'i are healthy and ready to learn and is honored to serve on this interdepartmental working group. Therefore, the UHM SONDH respectfully requests that SCR 99 be adopted by this committee. Additionally, UHM SONDH asks the Committees to clarify the convener of this interdepartmental working group. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, nursing, and school-based health care services.



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March 24, 2019

TO: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

The Honorable Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SCR 99 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF CONSOLIDATED, CONSISTENT HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN IN THE STATE.**

Hearing: March 25, 2019, 10:45 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

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

PURPOSE: The purpose of SCR 99 is to request that the Department of Health (DOH), DHS, and Department of Education (DOE) form a working group with stakeholders to review and make recommendations on ways to enhance the provision of health screening programs in public schools through school based health programs and services.

DHS supports the intent of the resolution and is in favor of collaborating with other agencies and stakeholders to promote a holistic approach to children's well-being. DHS has worked positively with the other agencies and stakeholders named in the past on various topics including health and education in the schools.

The connection between health and education is an important one. That is why the agency will continue to support community-driven efforts to bring inclusive and sustainable progress to health care and supportive services for children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Written Testimony

SCR99 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF CONSOLIDATED, CONSISTENT HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN IN THE STATE

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau
Charlotte A. Carter-Yamauchi, Director

Presented to the Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
Human Services, and Education

Monday, March 25, 2019, 10:45 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Chairs Baker, Ruderman, and Kidani and Members of the Committees:

Good morning Chairs Baker, Kidani, and Ruderman and members of the Committees, my name is Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi and I am the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit written comments on S.C.R. No. 99, Requesting the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Education to Convene an Interdepartmental Working Group to Address the Lack of Consolidated, Consistent Health Screening Programs in Public Schools for Children in the State.

The purpose of this measure is to request that:

- (1) The Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Education are requested to convene an interdepartmental working group to address the lack of consolidated, consistent health screening programs in public schools for children in the State;
- (2) The working group submit their findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no later than December 15, 2019; and
- (3) The Legislative Reference Bureau submit a final report of the working group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the

Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020.

While the Legislative Reference Bureau takes no position on the merits of the measure, we submit the following comments for your consideration.

As a general matter, we note that the working group contemplated in this measure is to be convened among three separate executive branch departments and will be composed of members from those departments and from the private sector. No members of the Legislature will be part of the working group. The Bureau is statutorily directed to use its resources and services to assist the Legislature and its members, unless otherwise directed by the Legislature.

Accordingly, we have some concerns with how the measure is currently drafted with respect to the work requested of the Bureau. The language of the measure requires the Bureau to assist the working group with the drafting of its final report and proposed legislation, even though the working group will probably be housed within one of the three executive branch departments, any of which possess far more resources than the Bureau. Furthermore, the proposed submission date (no later than December 15, 2019) for the working group's findings and recommendations to the Bureau would mean that the Bureau would have only ten days to complete drafting a final report and proposed legislation, since the twentieth day prior to the 2020 Regular Session is December 26, 2019.

If the Committees decide to recommend the adoption of this measure and desire to keep the Bureau involved, we respectfully request that the measure be amended to specifically clarify that the Bureau assist with only finalizing the Task Force's report and draft proposed legislation. We also would request that it be specified that the draft report be submitted to the Bureau no later than September 1, 2019, rather than December 15, 2019, so that work on the report and proposed legislation would not adversely impact our ability to provide our core services to the Legislature for the upcoming Regular Session.

If the measure is amended to address the concerns noted above to have the Bureau assist with finalizing the report and proposed legislation, and changing the working group's draft report and proposed legislation submission deadline, the Bureau believes that the services requested under the measure would be manageable and that the Bureau will be able to provide the services in the time allotted; provided that the Bureau's interim workload is not adversely impacted by too many other studies or additional responsibilities, such as conducting studies, writing or finalizing other reports, drafting legislation, or any combination of these for the Legislature or for other state agencies, task forces, or working groups that may be requested or required under other legislative measures.

Thank you again for your consideration.



March 23rd, 2019

Testimony of SCR99

Honorable Chair Senator Baker, Honorable Chair Senator Kidani, Honorable Chair Senator Ruderman. Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health, Senate Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Human Services.

Project Vision Hawai'i submits testimony in strong support of SCR99.

Project Vision provides mobile health screening units in Hawai'i targeting communities with access to care issues such as lack of insurance, geographic challenges, cultural barriers and limited or no income.

Project Vision Hawai'i is a locally grown nonprofit with a mission to work in partnership with the people of Hawai'i to increase access to healthcare. Our success in serving vulnerable populations comes largely because of two unique strategies: (1) we bring services to access-challenged communities via mobile screening units; and (2) services are always 100% free of charge to participants.

Project Vision provides mobile health screening units in Hawai'i targeting communities with access to care issues such as lack of insurance, geographic challenges, cultural barriers and limited or no income.

Project Vision Hawai'i's is supportive of school based health programs, particularly in vision. School based health services are vital to the success of our children in school and in life by addressing the whole child. Project Vision Hawai'i supports school based health services with further wrap around services in niche areas such as vision, dental and behavioral health. Screening and follow up referrals may be conducted by in school clinic nurses or through community partnerships. This resolution provides a necessary convening of stakeholders to enhance services around access to vision care, dental care and behavioral health services. Project Vision Hawai'i supports this resolution because it will strive to increase interdepartmental and community communication across multiple health discipline, and in turn, work to ensure that no keiki's health is left unaddressed.

School based health services are critical to increase access to healthcare for a vulnerable



population from pre-kindergarten to high school keiki by providing school health and primary care services in the public schools. More support in these wrap around services is needed. Integrating vision, dental and behavioral health screening into these programs is a perfect fit and enhances the potential short and long-term impact for school aged children of Hawai'i.

The legislature is to be applauded for it's willingness convene stakeholders around these important niche services in school based health. In the partnership of the DOE, DHS, DOH, and other partners this resolution can improve student access through improved health screening, monitoring, and management of chronic conditions that impact learning.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Annie Hiller", with a large, stylized initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Testimony in Support of SCR 99

I am writing in strong support of SCR99 to help provide a seamless coordinated wraparound service for youth. I am writing from the perspective of a psychologist and family therapist who serves children and adults with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Part of my job is to help parents find the support they need and I often times leave bewildered by the lack of coordination among the state systems of care. For example, DOH might reject DOE's referral for one reason or DHS might deny coverage for another. No one offers alternatives to obtaining care. My hope is that there be one point of contact that could refer parents and me to the help needed for my clients. FASD is a complex disorder and requires a network of people – a village – to help the individual thrive and find meaning in life.

SCR 99 might save time, lives, frustration and heartache for parents and providers seeking help for their developmentally disabled children.

Thank you for your consideration.

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