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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Dela Cruz 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.



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Date: 02/19/2019
Time: 09:30 AM
Location: 211
Committee: Senate Ways and Means

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

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.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, February 19, 2019; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

RE: COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL NO. 1522, RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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 **COMMENTS** on Senate Bill No. 1522, RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would appropriate \$752,066 in general funds for fiscal year 2019-2020, and \$752,066 in general funds for fiscal biennium 2019-2021, to implement, expand, and sustain the Hawaii Keiki Healthy and Ready to Learn Program (Program). The bill would take effect on July 1, 2019.

While we welcome the intent of this measure, the HPCA is concerned 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 solely by an advance practice registered nurse assigned to a complex of schools as proposed under the Keiki Program.

In your efforts to provide baseline primary health care services to all 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 and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center 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 Department of Education to create similar programs at nearby schools. We are concerned that the establishment of the Program may 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.

As mentioned earlier, HPCA is merely commenting on this measure and will continue to monitor this measure 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.

To ensure that the Keiki Program not conflict with the efforts of Community Health Centers, we respectfully offer an amendment for your consideration. Specifically we ask that:

- (1) The DOE be required to partner with the Public Health Nursing Branch of the Department of Health (DOH) pursuant to an MOU between the DOE, DOH, the Program, **and each federally qualified health center and rural health clinic geographically situated within each participating complex of schools**; and
- (2) The Program be precluded from providing services at any school where a school-based clinic established pursuant to a memorandum of understanding or contract between a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic and the Department of Education exists or may exist in the future. Further, the amendment would clarify that **precluded services would include any service that duplicates any service that is either provided or offered at a school-based clinic.**

Lastly, we respectfully request that the following language be added to the committee report, should the Committee desire to report this measure out:

“It is the intent of your Committee that the Program established pursuant to this Act not be construed in any way to preclude or limit the receipt of federal funds to establish any school-based clinic pursuant to a grant or other financial arrangement with a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic.”

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

SB-1522

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:13:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1522

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 6:56:49 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

I am a registered dental hygienist (University of Hawaii at Manoa - BS in Dental Hygiene 2005) in the State of Hawaii who is currently working in two private dental offices for the past 13 years. I wanted to make a difference in the community, so I returned to UH Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene program to pursue a certificate in Expanded Function of a Dental Hygienist (EFDH) in a Pediatric setting in August 2018 to present. We have been a part of Dole Middle School - School Community Health based Inter collaboration team. The team has an APRN overseeing Nurse Practitioner students, Pharmacy students, Psychology students and now EFDH Dental Hygiene students. The different disciplines work together to address the health of the students using the various expertise as a team. Access to care should be our top priority.

I humbly ask for your support of SB1522. Thank you for your time.

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February 17, 2019

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for SB1522
relating to Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program

Aloha, Senators:

Health and school readiness go hand in hand: when children are healthy, they are ready to learn.

Please support SB1522, so our precious keiki, especially economically disadvantaged youth, have access to meals and critical health services in their school.

Thank for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this measure.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Kierkiewicz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ashley Lehaulani Kierkiewicz
Hawai'i County Council, District 4