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Location: 229
Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 0593 RELATING TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

Purpose of Bill: Allows home schooled students to participate on an equal basis in extracurricular activities offered at the public school they would otherwise be required to attend.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) recognizes the intent of SB 593, and fully respects the academic choice made by parents of students who are home schooled.

This school year, the Department has convened a workgroup to gather input on current public school home school procedures and guidelines, including extracurricular activities. The workgroup is comprised of Hawaii Homeschool Association and the Christian Homeschoolers of Hawaii parent representatives and Department personnel including complex area superintendents, principals, high school registrars, and state-level staff.

The workgroup has met monthly since November 2018 and will continue through May 2019. During recent meetings, the following concerns pertaining to the proposed measure have been raised:

- Hawaii public schools do not qualify for funding for home schooled students as they are not included in the school's official enrollment count. This factor will have an impact on fiscal resources and staffing.
- Should behavioral issues arise, homeschooled students are not governed by Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 8, Chapter 19, *Student Misconduct, Discipline, School Searches and Seizures, Reporting Offenses, Police Interviews and Arrests, and Restitution for Vandalism* and its appeal process.
- Limited enforcement of submission of grade verification documents and on-time

and regular attendance to practices, events and meetings due to lack of authority by the principal to enforce the expectations and standards it holds for its enrolled students.

- The principal has no established means or first-hand knowledge to verify the curricular programming, selection of standards-based materials or delivery of instruction exercised by individual families.

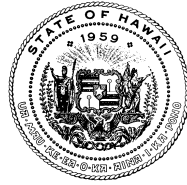
- An increased workload for the principal, or designee, due to the administrative oversight required to monitor the academic progress of the homeschooled student and determine Grade Point Average (GPA).

- A disparate standard of accountability for academic or behavioral requirements for the Department's public school students and homeschooled students.

Given the complexities associated with the implementation and scope of this measure and ongoing collaboration with the homeschooling workgroup, the Department respectfully requests deferral of SB 593.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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 S.B. 0593
RELATING TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Date: 2/8/2019

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health defers to the Department of Education on policy
2 implementation and fiscal implications related to S.B. 593 and to the priorities in the Governor's
3 Executive Biennium Budget request.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department strongly recommends that any home schooled child
5 who wishes to participate in an extracurricular activity meet the same health requirements
6 required of any student attending school in Hawaii, outlined in [HRS §§302A-1154 through 1163](#).
7 Introduction of a communicable disease such as measles or pertussis (whooping cough) into an
8 environment where many children are closely congregated could lead to outbreaks, jeopardizing
9 the health of the students, school faculty/staff, and the community should transmission occur.

10 If a disease outbreak were to occur in a school setting, the Department of Health would be
11 responsible for costs associated with the outbreak investigation as well as the costs of any
12 vaccines administered with the intent of preventing further disease transmission.

13 **Offered Amendments:** The Department respectfully recommends the following amendment to
14 S.B. 593, "A home schooled child who wishes to participate in an extracurricular activity shall
15 meet the health requirements for school entrance as delineated in HRS §§302A-1154 through
16 1163 prior to participation in school-based activities as well as the participation requirements and
17 restrictions for that activity, including maintaining appropriate grade point averages and paying
18 appropriate fees; provided that the requirements or restrictions shall not be inconsistent with this
19 section. "

20 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Testimony of
Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC)

Before:
Education Committee
Sen. Michelle Kidani, Chair
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

February 8, 2019
2:55 pm
Conference Room 229

Re: SB 593 Relating to Extracurricular Activities

Chair, Vice Chair and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 593.

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) **supports SB593 with amendment** that homeschooled students must comply with school health requirements (HAR 11-157) if a student participates in extracurricular activities at a public school.

- Extracurricular activities at schools provide an opportunity to be exposed to vaccine-preventable diseases unless all participants are fully immunized.
- Immunization protects students who may not be able to receive vaccines because of immunity challenges.
- Vaccines are safe and protect from multitude of diseases, like flu, chickenpox and measles.

It is for these reasons that the HIC **supports this bill with amendment**. Everyone who participates in an after-school activity needs to feel that they are playing and learning in a safe and disease-free environment.

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) is a statewide, community-based non-profit 501(c) 3 coalition of public and private organizations and concerned individuals whose mission is to promote effective strategies to ensure that all Hawaii's families are appropriately vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases. Focus: Immunizations across the lifespan.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) is a statewide, community-based 501C (3) non-profit organization working to ensure all of Hawaii's families are appropriately vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Santiago	Testifying for Department of Education	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in opposition of SB593 and support the Hawaii Department of Education stance on this bill.

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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:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt Ho	Testifying for State of Hawai'i, Department of Education	Oppose	No

Comments:

On behalf of the Castle-Kahuku Complex Area, I do not support SB593.

This is a safety issue as Chapter 19 does not apply to home-school students.

There is no system in place to monitor student progress for home-school student athletes (2.0 GPA).

Hawaii Administrative Rules specifies that parents are responsible for their child's total educational program includes extra-curricular activities.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Poulos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: