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Location: 211
Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 0984, SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES.

Purpose of Bill: Includes advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority in the list of health care professionals authorized to administer medication to public school students. Requires administration of the medication to be approved by the department of health or other on-campus, school based, health care provider pursuant to a written agreement with the department of education. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 984 SD1, provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOE approved budget.

To provide safe learning environments that support student well-being, the Department is partnering with licensed professionals to increase access health services on campus. Ongoing collaboration with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program, the Department of Health (DOH) Public Health Nurses (PHNs), and other primary and specialty healthcare providers has helped to decrease student absenteeism and facilitate better self-management of chronic health conditions, such as asthma, that might otherwise make it difficult for children to fully participate in class activities.

This bill is in alignment with the Department's SH 36 request and authorization form to administer medication (Form SH 36 - Request to Store and Administer Emergency Rescue Medications and Daily, Routine, Scheduled Medications, as Applicable).

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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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:



Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
February 21, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

By
Laura Reichhardt, MS, APRN, AGNP-C
Director, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
SB 984, SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of this bill, SB 984, SD1 as it relates to advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). This bill aims to amend the education statute relating to school-based medication administration to improve access to prescribed medications for children enrolled in and attending public schools. The current statute requires Department of Health (DOH) to approve provider prescribed and parent supplied medication before medication can be taken in school.

In its great wisdom, the Hawai'i State Legislature recognized by Act 169, SLH 2009, that APRNs may serve as primary care providers, and by Act 110, SLH 2011, that all Hawai'i hospitals should allow APRNs to practice the full scope of practice allowed under the Hawai'i Nurse Practice Act and granted APRN full prescriptive authority. Since this time, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing has worked with the State Legislature, government and community stakeholders to identify remaining barriers to APRN practice, with the end goal of ensuring timely, high quality care for the people of Hawai'i, with particular emphasis in addressing healthcare access inequities in vulnerable populations including women, children, low-income, and geographically remote. Today, there has been significant growth in the readily available APRN workforce, with over 100% growth since 2005 and APRNs working in all regions that people live in Hawai'i.

This measure proposes to include APRNs to the list of professions whose prescribed medications may be administered at schools, so long as the prescription is approved by the parent /caregiver and identified as necessary for the health of the child and for the child to attend school. This proposed statute change will enable the available APRN workforce who provide care to school aged children to work with parents and caregivers to support the child's short- and long-term health and reduce health-related barriers to learning.

Therefore, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing supports the language as it relates to APRN practice. The Center defers to the Department of Education on the other parts of this measure. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, access to healthcare, and nursing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christina Ranan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Scharnhorst	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
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February 21, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.**

By

Anne Scharnhorst

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Therefore, **Anne Scharnhorst** supports the language as it relates to APRN practice. **Anne Scharnhorst** defers to the Department of Education on the other parts of this measure. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, access to healthcare, and nursing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Katherine Finn Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kathleen Yokouchi	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Tessier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**Written Testimony Presented Before the
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**By
Beth Hoban, RN
Board Member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
SB 984, SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

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Therefore, **I, Beth Hoban**, supports the language as it relates to APRN practice. I defer to the Department of Education on the other parts of this measure. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, access to healthcare, and nursing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

by

Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor

School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene

and

Michael Bruno, PhD

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Vice Chancellor for Research
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 984 SD1 – RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 984 SD1. This bill aims to amend the education statute relating to school-based medication administration to improve access to prescribed medications for children enrolled in and attending public schools. The current statute requires Department of Health (DOH) to approve provider prescribed and parent supplied medication before medication can be taken in school. The intent of this bill is to expand approval authority to the increasing number of organizations partnering with the Department of Education (DOE) to improve school attendance.

The presence of school-based licensed health care professionals, including advanced practice registered nurses (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. Beginning in 2015, the Hawai'i Legislature support enabled Hawai'i Keiki (School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene) to provide at least one school based APRN (15) to each DOE Complex Area and three RNs to selected high need schools on four islands. These licensed professionals are highly skilled and can approve such medication administration.

Hawai'i Keiki and those school based health centers that partner with DOE are adding on-campus licensed professionals to the team dedicated to improving the success of our schools and students. However, HRS Section 302A-853 relating to DOE requires that for physician ordered and parent approved medication to be given or self-administered during the school day, the prescription must be approved by the DOH.

The amending of the statute allows not only DOH but also school based health services to approve medication administration in school by:

- including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to the list of professions who may prescribe medication at school; and
- expanding the medication administration approval authority beyond the DOH to include DOE recognized school based health providers.

This proposed legislation will allow school based health care entities with formal agreements with the DOE to approve timely and efficient administration of prescribed medications so children can attend school.

Therefore, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene respectfully requests that SB 984 SD1 pass as written. We appreciate your continuing support for keiki, nursing, and school-based health care services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hearing: Monday February 21, 2019 @ 10:00am
Conference Room 211

By Members of



American Nurses Association
in Hawaii

SB 984, SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Chair Dela-Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for SB 984, SD1, Relating to School Based Health Services.

We are members of the American Nurses Association in Hawaii, who are registered professional nurses practicing in this state. We fully support the legislature in its efforts to support school health programs by amending statutes to allow full scope of practice by Advanced Practice Nurses (APRNs) with prescriptive authority, benefitting students cared for in school health programs.

It is fully in keeping with Hawaii's legislative history to support the full scope of practice by APRNs with prescriptive authority by adding APRNs to the list of authorized prescribers in those settings. Adding "on-campus, school-based health care providers" to the Department of Health as an approver for administration of medications, removes another unnecessary hurdle. When duly licensed and authorized healthcare providers such as APRNs are available on campus, they can prescribe and approve administration of medications safely and effectively, benefitting students who require those medications to attend school.

We urge you to pass SB 984, SD1. Thank you for your continued support of measures that support school health centers and advanced nurse practice.

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Carlton A.-A. Ruley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: