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**Date:** 02/09/2022

**Time:** 03:30 PM

**Location:** CR 229 & Videoconference

**Committee:** Senate Education  
Senate Health

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Keith T. Hayashi, Interim Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2187 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.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) respectfully offers comments on SB 2187.

This bill would add licensed advanced practice registered nurses to the list of providers able to prescribe medication for students and allow school-based health care providers who have a written agreement with the Department to approve medications to be administered at school.

The Department supports the addition of licensed advanced practice registered nurses to the list of practitioners who may prescribe medication for students. Hawaii Revised Statutes §457-8.6 provides prescriptive authority to qualified advanced practice registered nurses.

All medication requests to be administered by School Health Assistants in the school setting are currently reviewed and must be approved by Hawaii State Department of Health Public Health Nurses. This process ensures that a qualified health professional

has reviewed the medication request and determined that it is safe and appropriate for the student to receive in a school setting. Not all medication requests are approved. For example, some medications would be best administered before or after school and other medications may not be allowed if the School Health Assistant, the unlicensed personnel employed at the school, is not qualified to assess the need for pro re nata (as-needed) medication.

Some schools have a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or other specialized health care provider on campus through written agreements with the Department. Partnerships with Federally Qualified Health Centers and the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing have greatly improved access to health services for students at school and through telehealth. It would be most efficient if the school-based health care provider could prescribe, administer, and authorize medication to students without further review. However, this modified process would require new protocols to be developed and implemented in coordination with the Hawaii State Department of Health.

Should this bill move forward, the Department respectfully requests the following revision to align with the updated position title:

- Page 1, Line 4: “~~aides~~ assistants may assist students by administering oral and topical”

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



Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Education and  
Senate Committee on Health  
Wednesday, February 09, 2022 at 3:30 PM.

By  
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Testimony in Strong Support for SB 2187

Chairs Kidani and Keohokalole, Vice Chairs Kim and Baker, and members of the Committees on Education and Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 2187, as it relates to advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing wishes to provide testimony as it relates to Section 1 part (2) as it reads on page 1, lines 12-14 of this measure.

This bill aims to amend the education statute relating to school-based medication administration to improve access to prescribed medications for students enrolled in and attending public schools. The current statute requires the 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 to the full scope of practice allowed under the Hawai'i Nurse Practice Act and granted APRNs full prescriptive authority. The Center for Nursing (2021) finds that since 2011, Hawai'i has seen a 75% increase in APRNs statewide with 30% of total APRNs residing on a neighbor island. In addition, 92% of nurse practitioners have been granted prescriptive authority.

This measure proposes to include APRNs with prescriptive authority in the list of professions whose prescribed medications may be administered at schools, so long as the prescription is approved by the parent/caregiver if the student is a minor and the medication is identified as necessary for the health of the student and for the student 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 student's short- and long-term health as well as 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.

*The mission of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing is that through collaborative partnerships, the Center provides accurate nursing workforce data for planning, disseminates nursing knowledge to support excellence in practice and leadership development; promotes a diverse workforce; and advocates for sound health policy to serve the changing health care needs of the people of Hawai'i.*

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February 09, 2022

The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair  
Senate Committee on Education  
The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
The Thirty-First Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Kidani, Senator Keohokalole, and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT: SB2187 Relating to School-Based Health Services**

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB2187** which 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.

Individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) often need medication during school hours. This measure would streamline having medication approved and administered during school hours by expanding beyond the Department of Health, the entities who can give approval including other on-campus, school-based, health care provider who have a written agreement with the department of education. There are a growing number of school campuses with agreements with health providers to implement school based health. These providers are already on campus and are well positioned to direct the administration of medication during the school day.

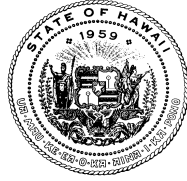
Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB2187.**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daintry Bartoldus  
Executive Administrator



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2187**  
**(RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES)**

SENATOR MICHELLE KIDANI, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALO, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 2/9/2022

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SB 2187 and offers an  
3 amendment to update “school health aide” to “school health assistant.” This bill specifically adds  
4 “advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority pursuant to 457-8.6” to those  
5 practitioners who can prescribe medication for public school students that will be administered  
6 by school health assistants (SHAs). SB 2187 also allows an on-campus, school-based, health  
7 care provider to review medications that will be administered by SHAs, pursuant to a written  
8 agreement with the Department of Education (DOE).

9 Some schools have a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) on campus  
10 through written agreements with the DOE, such as school-based health centers from the  
11 Federally Qualified Health Centers and the Hawai`i Keiki (HK): Healthy and Ready to Learn  
12 Program. School-based health centers and HK APRNs should be able to prescribe and have  
13 SHA’s administer medication without further review. This bill would also enable school-based,  
14 licensed health staff through a written agreement with DOE, to approve medication requests  
15 provided by clinicians outside the school system that would be administered by SHAs. Without  
16 the amendments proposed by this bill, only DOH can review medications that will be  
17 administered by SHAs.

1 **Offered Amendments:** Section 302A-853, is amended to read as follows:

2 "§302A-853 Administration of medication. School health [~~aides~~ assistants] may assist students  
3 by administering oral and topical medication, and in emergency situations, other premeasured  
4 medication."

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Education and  
Senate Committee on Health  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

By

Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep, PhD, RN  
Interim Dean and Professor  
Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing  
(formerly the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene)

And

Michael Bruno, PhD  
Provost  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### SB 2187 – RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Chairs Kidani and Keohokalole, Vice Chairs Kim and Baker, and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing (NAWSON) to provide testimony in strong support for SB 2187, Relating to School-Based Health Services.

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 Department of Education (DOE) public schools. The amending of the statute allows not only Department of Health (DOH), but also school-based health services, to approve medication administration in school by:

- increasing the number of qualified, licensed healthcare professions who may prescribe medication that may then be administered at school; and
- expanding the medication administration approval authority to include DOE recognized school-based health providers.

NAWSON, in partnership with the DOE, launched the Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn program in 2014 as a Race to the Top initiative and the legislature established state funding for the program in 2015. Since that time, the program has grown to include 15 APRNs and 40 registered nurses (RNs) who provide complex-area and on-campus school-based care. These licensed professionals are highly skilled and can approve such medication administration, should state law enable them.

In addition, our graduate program has contributed to the significant growth of APRNs who are highly trained and provide quality health care including prescribing of



medication in Hawai'i. In fact, since 2011, the number of APRNs in our state has increased by 75%, with 30% of the total APRNs being located on our neighbor islands where provider shortages are at our state's worst. Specifically including prescriptions written by APRNs will help align the DOE's medication administration laws with the qualified provider landscape of today.

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. NAWSON recognizes and commends the work of the DOH Public Health Nursing Branch in ensuring quality and consistency in approvals for medication administration. Hawai'i Keiki's APRNs, who may prescribe medications for children, as indicated by health needs and with parent/caregiver consent, as well as the program's registered nurses will be able to further support schools and families by also facilitating the medication administration approvals. NAWSON and Hawai'i Keiki are committed to working with the DOE and DOH to maintain standards of medication administration approvals so that the consistency, quality, and safety are sustained, should this measure be enacted.

Further, NAWSON respectfully requests the following revision in order to align with the updated position title and to enable complex area school nurses to engage in these activities:

- Page 1, Line 4: "**aides assistants** may assist students by administering oral and topical"
- Page 1, Line 16-17: The administration of the medication is with the approval of the department of health [~~and~~] "or other **complex area or** on-campus, school-based, health care provider pursuant to a written agreement with the department of education; and

Therefore, the UHM NAWSON respectfully requests that SB 2187 pass with amendments. 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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Date: February 7, 2022

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair, Senate Committee on Education  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair, Senate Committee on Health

Fr: Leolinda Iokepa, President  
Hilopa'a Family to Family, Inc.

Re: SB 2187 Relating to School-Based Health Services Testimony in **Support**

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Hilopa'a Family to Family, Inc. serves families and their professional partners who serve children with special health care needs across our state. Since 2007, we have been designated at the Family to Family Health Information Center for the state of Hawai'i.

We stand on our testimony in support of SB 2187 as it is the most expeditious best use of resources which eliminates redundancies across our school system. The National Survey of Children's Health has determined that 14.5% of the children in our state have special health care needs. Almost half of those children meet the criteria for ongoing and regular use of prescription medications. This number is approximately 26,000 children. This number does not include the children who may require intermittent use of medication to address infections, growing pains, or the myriad of other reasons a child may need to receive a dose of medicine during school hours.

This bill expands beyond the Department of Health to include providers who are already on campus under the auspices of the Department of Education school-based health services. For many of these keiki, these "included providers" are the same ones who prescribed the medication in the first place. They are also campus-based, and already licensed. Imagine, if only 10% of these children would require regular medication during school hours to stay in school, that is still a significant number. Any assistance which can be given to the Department of Education to keep children in school, should be support.

For this we ask your humble support. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



**Testimony to the Senate Joint Committee on Education and Health  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022; 3:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229  
Via Videoconference**

**RE: SENATE BILL NO. 2187, RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES.**

Chair Kidani, Chair Keohokalole, 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 **SUPPORTS THE INTENT** of Senate Bill No. 2205, RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES., but raises some concerns.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

This bill, as received by your Committee, would allow medication school health aides to assist students by administering oral and topical medication, and in emergency situations, other premeasured medication in certain circumstances. Specifically, this bill requires that:

- (1) The medication be prescribed by a physician or a licensed advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority; and
- (2) The administration of the medication be with the approval of the Department of Health (DOH) or other on-campus, school-based, health care provider pursuant to a written agreement with the Department of Education (DOE).

FQHCs have long partnered with the DOE to establish school-based clinics near their facilities at Leeward and North Shore, Island of Oahu. While the partnership with Koolauloa Health Center has recently ended, other FQHCs in Kalihi and Waikiki on Oahu, and those on the neighbor islands are examining their models and are currently considering entering into agreements with the DOE to create similar programs at nearby schools.

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Five years ago, the HPCA raised concerns on how our efforts to establish school-based clinics would be integrated with the Hawaii Keiki Program -- a DOE-endorsed initiative to have advance practice registered nurses assigned to complexes of schools to provide health care at the schools within each complex via telehealth or other means. Although the Hawaii Keiki Program was never established in statute, it has continued to exist through legislative appropriations.

Our concern then remains -- that this program may unintentionally or inadvertently duplicate existing services that are currently provided or preclude the establishment of more intensive and comprehensive services at public schools. We assert that 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 under the Keiki Program.

While the HPCA doesn't object to allowing school health aides to administer prescriptions prescribed by an advance practice registered nurse having prescriptive authority, we ask that the language on page 1, line 16 to be clarified. As presently drafted, this bill would allow medication to be administered without the approval of the DOH if it is authorized pursuant to a written agreement between the DOE and the health care provider. Consequently, this language could allow a health care provider having a written agreement with the DOE to direct the administration of medication in a way that may not be acceptable by medical standards.

**To address this, we suggest changing "or" to "and".**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or [eabe@hawaiiipca.net](mailto:eabe@hawaiiipca.net).

**SB-2187**

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 4:24:45 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/9/2022 3:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Remote Testimony Requested</b> |
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| Rick Ramirez        | Individual          | Support                   | No                                |

Comments:

Aloha,

Please consider supporting SB2187. Advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority are health care professionals authorized to administer medication to public school students. Many children and adolescents in schools do not have a Primary care provider, cannot afford to miss school and have parents who work or do not have adequate medical services at their disposal. Having APRN's in the school health room has initiated significant healthcare change in the community and should continue to do so. Allowing Medications to be ordered and administered to students to help with illness, injury, or other complaints is vital in the course of timeliness and appropriate medical care. This bill should be approved without hesitation.

Mahalo

Dr. Rick Ramirez

**SB-2187**

Submitted on: 2/4/2022 9:23:48 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/9/2022 3:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Remote Testimony Requested</b> |
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| Gerard Silva        | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                                |

Comments:

The Department of Health is a Corrupt Group that needs to be removed for the betterment of our Children. Only the parent should have the Authority when it has to do with there Children. Not the State!!!

**SB-2187**

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 7:48:35 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/9/2022 3:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Remote Testimony Requested</b> |
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| Kathleen Yokouchi   | Individual          | Support                   | No                                |

Comments:

In very strong support

**SB-2187**

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 7:54:01 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/9/2022 3:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Remote Testimony Requested</b> |
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| Julia Lindbergh     | Individual          | Support                   | No                                |

Comments:

I am in favor of SB2187.

Thank you

Julia Lindbergh, RN



**SB-2187**

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 12:54:22 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/9/2022 3:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Remote Testimony Requested</b> |
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| stephanie marshall  | Individual          | Support                   | No                                |

Comments:

I fully support including APRNS to administer medications in the public school setting. APRNS with prescriptive authority are fully competent and within their scope of practice to accomplish this. It is critical to children in school to advance their learning. As a nurse for over 40 years and retired faculty from UH Manoa School of Nursing, I have first hand knowledge of this and 100% confident this will support the mission of educating Hawaii's keiki.

Very Respectfully,

Stephanie Marshall, RN,FAAN

**SB-2187**

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 2:15:10 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/9/2022 3:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Remote Testimony Requested</b> |
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| Matt Bishop         | Individual          | Support                   | No                                |

Comments:

I support this measure as written. APRN's in the State of Hawaii should be authorized to function to fullest extent of their license and training. This will enable school children to have the best chance to receive their optimum level of care.

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**SB-2187**

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 11:07:32 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/9/2022 3:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b>  | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Remote Testimony Requested</b> |
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| Katherine Finn Davis | Individual          | Support                   | No                                |

Comments:

I fully support this bill.