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**Location:** CR 229 & Videoconference

**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 1046, HD2 RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES.

**Purpose of Bill:** Replaces the term "school health aides" with "school health assistants" to reflect recent changes to the job title. Allows the administration of medication to public school students by school health assistants with the approval of a health care professional within the department of education, the department of health, or a health care service pursuant to a written agreement with the department of education. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)

**Department's Position:**

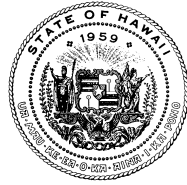
The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1046, HD2. This measure would update the position title of school health aide to school health assistant and allow the position to administer student medication with approval by a healthcare professional within the Department, Department of Health, or a health care service provider per a written agreement with the Department.

All medication requests in a public school setting are currently reviewed and must be approved by the Department of Health. Student care would be more efficient, accessible, and safe if the administration of the medication could be performed with the approval of a health care professional within the Department, Department of Health, or a health care service per a written agreement with the Department.

The current law prevents health care professionals who are already on campus from performing the function of medication administration approval.

Should this measure pass, the Department acknowledges that new protocols would need to be developed and implemented in coordination with the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1046 HD2  
RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

SENATOR MICHELLE KIDANI, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Date: March 20, 2023

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB 1046 HD2. This bill  
3 expands administration of medications by school health assistants (SHAs) at school with the  
4 approval of a health care professional within the Department of Education (DOE), DOH, or  
5 health care service per a written agreement with the DOE. This bill also amends statutes to match  
6 the existing DOE practice for administration of medication at schools. HB 1046 HD2 also  
7 updates the term “school health aides” to “school health assistants” to reflect updated job titles at  
8 the DOE.

9 All SHAs have first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification. The approval of  
10 medications by a licensed health care professional assures the student is provided medication in a  
11 safe manner by the SHA. The current process for medication approval entail 1) the parent or  
12 legal guardian requesting medication in school on a DOE form, 2) the SHA submitting the form  
13 to the DOH public health nurse for approval, and 3) the DOH public health nurse reviewing the  
14 request for approval. The DOH public health nurse works with the student, family and health  
15 care provider to assure the medication is necessary in the school setting and is complete with  
16 clear information. In addition to daily medications, it includes premeasured medications in  
17 emergency situations such as auto-injectable epinephrine, bronchodilators, and seizure rescue  
18 medications. The DOH public health nurse also determines if an emergency action action plan or

1 informational session to school staff is needed. The DOE coordinates annual training to the  
2 SHAs on medication administration.

3 The DOE has expanded access to health care on campus. Many schools currently have a  
4 registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or other specialized health care provider on  
5 campus through written agreements with the DOE such as school-based health centers from  
6 federally qualified health centers and the University of Hawai`i at Manoa School of Nursing.  
7 This bill would also enable school-based, licensed healthcare staff through a written agreement  
8 with DOE to approve medication requests provided by clinicians outside the school system that  
9 would be administered by SHAs. Without the amendments proposed by this bill, only DOH can  
10 approve medications that would be administered by SHAs.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

12 **Offered Amendments:** None.



**Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Education  
Monday, March 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 229 or via Videoconference  
by  
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**Testimony in Strong Support for H.B. 1046, H.D. 2**

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony **in strong support** of this measure, H.B. 1046, H.D. 2, which aims to allow the administration of medication to public school students by health assistants with the approval of a health care professional within the Department of Education, Department of Health, or a health care service per a written agreement with the Department of Education.

Section 3 proposes to expand the qualified workforce authorized to approve medication administration on school grounds to include health care professionals within the department of education, department of health, or health care service as defined in section 323D-2 per a written agreement with the department of education. In this section, health care professionals include Registered Nurses (RNs). Registered Nurses have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform this duty and are present in school environments. In 2021, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) found in the nursing workforce supply survey that approximately 270 RNs (11%) and 60 APRNs (9%) reported working in a school health room/clinic.

HSCN reviewed section 5, which appears to ensure alignment with Chapter 457 relative to terminology changes proposed in sections 2 and 4.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing urges you to pass this measure through your committee. Thank you for the dedication and care for healthcare workers and the people in Hawai'i.

*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.*

**HB-1046-HD-2**

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| Gerard Silva        | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

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