

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

87

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1448
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1448 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASTHMA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize:

- (1) The Department of Education to stock bronchodilators for emergency use during respiratory distress; and
- (2) Department employees to volunteer to administer bronchodilators.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Lung Association, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, AlohaCare, Hawai'i Public Health Association, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Health, and University of Hawai'i Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing.

Your Committee finds that every year, over five thousand people in Hawaii visit emergency rooms due to asthma and another one thousand five hundred are hospitalized. Infants and very

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young children make up the majority of asthma-related medical emergencies and hospitalizations. Although the asthma mortality rate has declined over the past ten years, there was an average of twenty-two deaths per year from asthma in Hawaii between 2013 and 2015. Your Committee believes that as asthma attacks can occur at any time and often without warning, children with asthma should always have access to medication that can quickly reverse the blockages in their lungs, especially in schools so as to not take children out of the classroom and impede their learning.

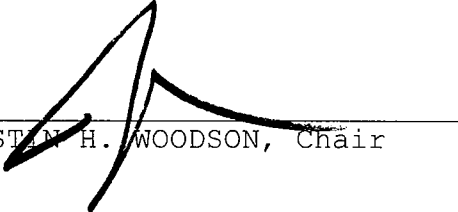
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that schools must follow the Department of Education's protocols, rather than developing their own protocols, regarding the training of employees, maintenance and location of bronchodilators, and immediate and long-term follow up to the administration of medication;
- (2) Specifying that the Department of Education's protocols also apply to Department agents;
- (3) Specifying that schools may, with a valid prescription, accept unused and unexpired bronchodilators, devices, and device components;
- (4) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1448, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1448, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health & Homelessness.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1448	Committee Referral: EDN, HLT, FIN	Date: 2/2/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)	/			
3. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
4. MARTINEZ, Rose	/			
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	/			
6. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/			
7. QUINLAN, Sean	/			
8. TODD, Chris	/			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	/			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Lisa Marten</i>				
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