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GOV. MSG. NO. 1236

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 30, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 30, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 532, S.D. 2,
H.D. 2, C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
ACT 136

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that school health
2 assistants may administer medications to students who require
3 certain medications in public schools. However, due to
4 increasing vacancies for school health assistants, many schools
5 experience challenges in meeting the needs of students who are
6 prescribed medications or may benefit from receiving medications
7 in emergency situations while on campus. This lapse of
8 continued care may risk the health and safety of students who
9 rely on the timely administration of certain medications.

10 To ensure the health and safety of students, other school
11 staff who volunteer to administer medication can be effective
12 substitutes once these individuals complete training and general
13 instruction on medication administration. Therefore, requiring
14 volunteers to complete training that includes correctly
15 interpreting the health care provider's orders; identifying the
16 correct student; identifying the correct route of
17 administration, either oral, nasal, or topical; confirming the



1 correct dose; administering medications at the right time of
2 day; and documenting medication administration, can ensure
3 accountability and the necessary safeguards for student health.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize public
5 school employees or agents who have completed appropriate
6 training to administer medication for students consistent with
7 standards applicable to school health assistants.

8 SECTION 2. Section 302A-853, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) School health assistants, and public school employees
11 and agents trained by a health care professional employed or
12 contracted by the department, may assist students by
13 administering oral, nasal, and topical medication, and in
14 emergency situations, other premeasured medication; provided
15 that:

16 (1) If the student receiving the medication is a minor, a
17 parent or guardian requests and authorizes the
18 administration of medication;

19 (2) The medication has been prescribed by a [licensed]
20 physician[, ~~as defined in section 334-1, or by a~~
21 ~~practitioner~~] or physician assistant licensed pursuant



1 to chapter 453, an advanced practice registered nurse
2 with prescriptive authority[+] licensed pursuant to
3 chapter 457, or by another licensed health care
4 practitioner with prescriptive authority;

5 (3) The administration of the medication is with the
6 approval of a health care professional within the
7 department, department of health, or health care
8 service as defined in section 323D-2 pursuant to a
9 written agreement with the department; and

10 (4) The administration of the medication is necessary for
11 the health of the student and for the student's
12 attendance at school."

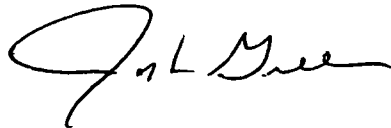
13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



S.B. NO. 532
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 30th day of May, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 532, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.

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Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Takeshita", with a stylized, cursive script.

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives