THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 532
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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.

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Report Title:
DOE; Medication Administration; Staff; Agents; Health Care Professionals; Physician Assistants; Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; Prescriptive Authority

Description:
Authorizes school staff and agents trained by a health care professional to volunteer to administer medication to students at Department of Education public schools under certain conditions. Clarifies who may prescribe medication to be administered to students in schools. (CD1)

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