



S E A C
Special Education Advisory Council

919 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 101

Honolulu, HI 96814

Phone: 586-8126 Fax: 586-8129

email: spin@doh.hawaii.gov

March 8, 2017

**Special Education
Advisory Council**

Ms. Martha Guinan, *Chair*
Ms. Dale Matsuura, *Vice Chair*
Dr. Patricia Sheehy, *Vice
Chair*
Ms. Ivalee Sinclair, *Vice Chair*

Ms. Brendelyn Ancheta
Dr. Robert Campbell, *liaison
to the military*
Ms. Deborah Cheeseman
Ms. Annette Cooper
Ms. Gabriele Finn
Mr. Sage Goto
Ms. Valerie Johnson
Ms. Bernadette Lane
Ms. Kaili Murbach
Ms. Stacey Oshio
Ms. Kau'i Rezentos
Ms. Charlene Robles
Ms. Rosie Rowe
Mr. James Street
Dr. Todd Takahashi
Dr. Daniel Ulrich
Mr. Steven Vannatta
Mr. Gavin Villar
Dr. Amy Wiech
Ms. Jasmine Williams
Ms. Susan Wood

Amanda Kaahanui, Staff
Susan Rocco, Staff

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), respectfully asks for your favorable consideration of restoring the following items that were removed from the Executive Request in the Governor's Message dated February 7, 2017:

1) **EDN 200 - Add Funds for Seclusion and Restraints Training and Certification (FY 18: \$385,000, FY 19: \$385,000)**

SEQ # 100-001, Budget Worksheet Page 292

This appropriation is vital to the implementation of Act 206. The law provides for all school staff to receive training in the proper use of physical restraints as well as non-violent crisis intervention, and to develop and maintain a database to document all incidents involving the use of restraints. In addition to restoring \$300,000 cut from the Executive Request, SEAC asks that you provide an additional \$85,000 to fund one full-time equivalent position to oversee the provision of training and data collection, and to complete the reporting requirements outlined ACT 206.


2) **EDN 700 - 20 Permanent Positions and Funds for Pre-K Programs (FY 19: \$1,040,593)**

SEQ # 101-001, Budget Worksheet Page 321

These funds will add 20 permanent positions to expand the Pre-Kindergarten Program. SEAC believes that increasing the availability of quality early learning programs will create more opportunities for young children with disabilities to have their school readiness needs met in inclusive settings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

Respectfully,


Martha Guinan
Chair


Ivalee Sinclair
Legislative Committee Chair