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RE: HB 672, HD 2 - RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee,

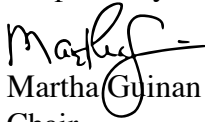
The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports the intent** of **HB 672, HD 2** that formally establishes and funds the **Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn** program within the Department of Education.

School-health services are essential to providing preventive and early intervening health support to all students, as well as support to students with disabilities and chronic health conditions that require monitoring and in-school interventions. Having the services on campus ensures access to students who might otherwise be unserved or underserved.

In the interest of ensuring the most effective and fiscally responsible school health program, SEAC recommends that additional information be made available regarding: 1) data on student outcomes from the piloting of the **Hawaii Keiki** program over the last several years, 2) how the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, and more specifically the Public Health Nursing Section and the Med-QUEST Division, will interface with the program, and 3) a breakdown of the budget for the \$4.5 million appropriation request.

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