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Hawaii State Capitol
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RE: SB 510 - RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH
SERVICES

Dear Chair Kidani 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 SB 510 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 four million dollar appropriation.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ivalee Sinclair, our Legislative Committee Chair.

Respectfully,


Martha Guinan


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