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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 141, HD 2 - Relating to Health

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) **supports** HB 141, HD that aims to ensure Seizure Safe Schools in both public and public charter schools for students with seizure disorders.

In previous years SEAC testified to the importance of having school personnel volunteer to administer epinephrine via epi-pen, as well as insulin and glucagon in emergency situations. SEAC also supported blood glucose monitoring to help prevent health emergencies for students with diabetes. With 2000 school age children in Hawaii who have a diagnosed seizure disorder, as estimated by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, it is critical that seizure medications and vagus nerve stimulation magnets be added to the list of emergency interventions school personnel may administer.

This bill acknowledges the need to create a seizure action plan for each student with a seizure disorder and distribute it to all school personnel charged with supervising the student, with clear instructions who to contact in event of a seizure on campus. By January 2022 the bill requires annual training for all principals, counselors and teachers in public and public charter schools where there is one or more students with a seizure disorder. It also requires the designation of at least one school employee to administer prescribed seizure medications or stimulation with a vagus nerve stimulation magnet as needed.

SEAC believes these measures will go a long way in ensuring the safety of Hawaii's students with seizure disorders. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Sincerely,


Martha Guinan
Chair


Ivalee Sinclair
Legislative Committee Chair