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Committee on Finance
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 2482, HD 2 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

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 2482, HD 2 that aims to ensure Seizure Safe Schools in both public and public charter schools for students with seizure disorders.

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 2024 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 on duty during the school day 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.

Respectfully,

Martha Guinan
Chair

*Mandated by the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act***