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RE: SB 2071, SD 1 - RELATING TO HEALTH

Dear Chair Dela Cruz 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 2071, SD 1 that aims to ensure Seizure Safe Schools in public schools, public charter schools, and private 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 on who to contact in the event of a seizure on campus. Beginning in January 2023 the bill requires an annual self-study review on the signs and symptoms of seizures and the appropriate steps for seizure first aid for all principals, counselors and teachers in public and private 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.

Respectfully,

Martha Guinan
Chair