RE: SB 510, SD 1 - Relating to School Based Health Services

Dear Chairs Keith-Agaran and Tokuda and Members of the Committees,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawai‘i’s State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), supports the intent of SB 510, SD 1 that formally establishes and funds the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn program within the Department of Education.

School-based health services are essential to providing preventive and early intervening health support to ALL students, as well as individualized 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Martha Guinan
Chair

Ivalee Sinclair
Legislative Committee Chair

Mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act