

2-14-14 SEAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SUBJECT	BILL NO.	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	REMARKS
Autism Insurance	HB 2174, HD 1	Requires health insurance carriers to cover autism spectrum disorder diagnosis and treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • covers individuals under age 21 • \$50K per year & \$300K max lifetime limits * effective date changed to July 1, 2050	Passed amended* by HLT	Heavily supported by parents and professionals and opposed by insurance companies. The roles of Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act are unclear at this point.
	HB 2225	Companion to SB 2054	Heard in HLT and deferred	
	SB 2054, SD 1	Companion to HB 2225 * exempts Medicaid plans * effective date of July 1, 2014	Passed amended* by EDU and sent to WAM	
	SB 2578	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limits coverage to under 6 yrs. of age • excludes pharmacy care & screening 	Heard in HTH/CPN and deferred	
BOE Testimony	SB 2763	Requires BOE to allow public testimony on items not on public meeting agenda if certain requirements are met.	Passed amended to JDL	Opposed by Office of Information Practices. Comments by Chair Horner.
Early Childhood	HB 2276	Establishes the Early Childhood Education Program	Passed 'as is' by EDN and sent to FIN 2/12	Opposed by HSTA.
	SB 2826	Companion to HB 2276	Passed 'as is' by EDU and sent to WAM 2/7	
Epinephrine Auto-Injector	HB 1777 HD 1	Allows DOE employees with training to volunteer to give epi-pen to student with anaphylaxis *changed term to anaphylaxis from anaphylactic shock per SEAC suggestion	Passed amended* by EDN and sent to HLT Passed amended by HLT and sent to FIN 2/14	Allows volunteers to provide early intervention as a "Good Samaritan."
	SB 2422 SD 1*	Companion to HB 1777 * changed training responsibility to qualified health care professional overseen by DOH * appropriates \$350,000 to DOE *effective date of July 1, 2050.	Passed amended* from EDU and HTH. Sent to WAM	
IDEA Age Limit	SB 2134	Changes age limit in Hawaii education statute to 22 to comply with IDEA	Passed 'as is' by EDU and sent to WAM	SEAC recommendations for appropriate language

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IDEA Age Limit				revisions in the statute were not included
Instructional Hours	HB 1675	Requires implementation of 990 instructional hrs. in 14-15. Repeals requirement for 1080 hrs. in later years.	Passed 'as is' from EDN Killed in FIN	Educators in field have testified that more than 990 hrs. is unfeasible at this time. Union issue.
	SB 2922 SD 1	Requires lengthening of school year from 180 to 190 days in SY 15-16 * Changed effective date to July 1, 2050 and added appropriation	Passed amended* and sent to WAM 2/14	Results in increased costs + additional professional days
Mandatory Kindergarten	HB 14 HD 1	Makes attendance in Kindergarten mandatory and requires the early learning system to facilitate children's transition to Kindergarten * Changed eligibility to 5 yrs. old by July 31 * Removed transition requirement * Establishes K readiness assessment system	Passed amended* to FIN	Carried over from last session
	SB 2768 SD 1	Appropriates \$450,000 for assessment * Increased appropriation to \$870,000 to include \$ for subs for training of teachers	Passed amended* to WAM	Supported by HSTA
Family-School Partnerships	HCR? SCR?	Continue action steps of previous resolutions	To be written	Supported by both Education Chairs
Restraints and Seclusion	HB 1796 HD 1	Establishes conditions and procedures for use of restraint/seclusion in public schools * Clarified that BOE must develop policy * Deleted State Quality Assurance Team * Requires review of data by each CAS * Clarified definition of restraint	Passed amended* to JUD	Timely. Critical because of recent events at Kipapa El. In sync with national leg.
Youth Risk Behavior Survey	HB 1925 HD 1	Requires the administration of the YRBS to students in grades six to twelve in odd-numbered years at public schools * Added blank appropriation for survey administration	Passed amended* to FIN	SEAC recommended the YRBS as a metric for the BOE/DOE Strategic Plan