

## **Bills of Interest - 2008 Session**

### **Health**

HB2022; Provides a means for child hood screening required for entry into school, from birth to eight years of age, and establishes the Hawaii Childhood Screening Initiative Advisory Committee.

HB537, SB1173; Relating to Perinatal Care, Appropriates funds to continue the pilot perinatal clinic for women with a history of substance abuse on Oahu.

HB2364; Mandates use of safety helmets by minors when riding all terrain vehicles. Prohibits the lease, rent, loan, or sale of all terrain vehicles to minors unless safety helmet is provided to operator.

HB3010; Mercury-Containing Vaccines; Informed Consent. Ensures an informed consent prior to the administration of a vaccine containing any amount of mercury through the provision of written material containing information about the possible effects of the use of such vaccines.

HB2682; Exemptions; Recommended Only; Student Medications. Prevents school from refusing a child to attend school if parent declines to administer psycho-tropic medication. Makes all vaccinations in the State non-compulsory but only recommended unless there is danger of a n epidemic from any communicable disease. Allows exemptions from vaccinations on any grounds.

HB2683; Vaccinations; Exemptions Allowed on Any Grounds. Makes all vaccinations in the State non-compulsory but only recommended unless there is danger of an epidemic from any communicable disease. Allows exemptions from vaccination on any grounds.

### **Education**

SB2878; Relating to Early Learning; Creates an early learning council to govern the state's early learning system. Establishes the keiki first steps program.

HCR26, SCR27; Recommending that the BOE consider changing its sex education policy in the secondary schools of Hawaii from a program of abstinence only to a comprehensive, balanced , and consistent sex education program that includes abstinence and the use of contraceptives, and making that program mandatory for graduation.

HCR37, SCR28; Requesting DOE to expand its teen pregnancy education program and encouraging community organizations to train youth groups to educate and raise awareness among teens about teen pregnancy.

HB532, SB1168; Relating to Bullying and Cyberbullying, requires DOE to createrules and procedures to prevent school bullying. Makes an appropriation.

HB533, SB1175; Relating to Bullying and Cyberbullying, requires DOE to createrules and procedures to prevent school bullying. No appropriation.

HB2532; Appropriates TANF funds for non-school hour programs to be expended by the DOE, OYS, and the counties.

SB2242; Establishes a task force on non-school-hour programs to review and improve the State's current non-school hour activities programs. Appropriate funds for non-school-hour activities and for a program coordinator.

HB530, SB1165; Physical Education Curriculum, Elementary and Middle Schools, Requires 200 minutes of PE every 10 days beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Makes appropriation to support the curriculum change.

### **Welfare**

HB2184; Requires DBEDT to establish and biannually update a self-sufficiency standard for Hawaii.

HB2280; Establishes a public financial education and asset building task force; makes an appropriation.

HB523, SB1164; Relating to Children, Establishes guiding principals and expectations for foster parents and foster child with regard to foster placement.