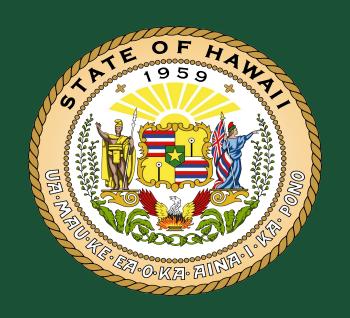
Governor Green signs Bills Supporting Hawai'i's Keiki, Education, and Kūpuna

Bills to Address the needs of Hawai'i's Keiki and Kūpuna

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I. HB2430: Establishing the State of Hawai'i's Commitment to Summer EBT for Keiki

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- Establishes and empowers the DOE and DHS to implement measures to maximize participation in summer EBT program for keiki
- Appropriates \$2.1M in funds for personnel to support keiki summer EBT and cover operating expenses
- To match federal appropriations



II. SB2475 and HB2400: Protecting Our Keiki From Harm

SB 2475: Harm to Student Registry

- Establishes "harm to students" registry on educational personnel to prevent reemployment in other educational institutions
- Ensures due process and fair investigations
- Requires institutions to check registry before hiring employees or volunteers

HB 2400: Abuse Prevention

- Ensures accountability for serious allegations like sexual harassment or abuse
- Requires teachers who resign or retire during investigations into allegations of sexual assault, harassment, or abuse to forfeit their teaching licenses
- License forfeiture reported to a national database

III. SB2305: Establishing a Statewide Silver Alert Program for Hawai'i

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\$250K appropriated for a statewide Silver Alert Program

- Establishes silver alert program to rapidly disseminate information about missing kūpuna or vulnerable individuals
- Will use comm systems like the Wireless Emergency Alerts System, changeable message signs, and electronic flyers





IV. HB2224: Creating a Long-Term Care Plan for Hawai'i's Kūpuna

- Mandates Executive Office on Aging to develop a plan to:
 - Ensure continuum of care services, identify needed reforms, and funding options
 - In coordination with state health planning and development agency
- Establishes a long-term care planner position to oversee the plan's development and implementation







Mahalo nui!

