
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF LOWERING THE AGE OF PHARMACY-ADMINISTERED
VACCINATION RECIPIENTS TO NINE YEARS OLD.

1 WHEREAS, many children in our communities may not have
2 ready access to vaccinations in public health emergencies,
3 thereby making them more susceptible to disease; and
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5 WHEREAS, pharmacies are located throughout our communities
6 and often have more extensive hours of operation than
7 physicians' offices so that our residents can easily gain access
8 to them; and
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10 WHEREAS, pharmacists who administer vaccinations must go
11 through special training related to immunizations; and
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13 WHEREAS, pharmacists who administer vaccines have adult and
14 child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training available;
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17 WHEREAS, eighteen states have enacted legislation that
18 allows pharmacists to immunize patients as young as nine years
19 of age, thereby providing families with young children more
20 access to the benefits of immunization; and
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22 WHEREAS, lowering the age restrictions for pharmacist-
23 administered vaccinations will improve community access to
24 potentially life-saving vaccines and will serve as a valuable
25 preventative tool by allowing for quick and effective
26 vaccination of a large number of people in the event of a public
27 health emergency in Hawaii, such as the H1N1 flu outbreak; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature



1 requests the Chair of the Board of Pharmacy to establish a task
2 force to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of
3 lowering the age at which vaccinations may be administered by
4 pharmacists; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be named
7 the Pharmacist-Administered Vaccination Task Force (Task Force);
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Task Force
11 is to research and report to the Legislature on the following:

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13 (1) The potential benefits and drawbacks of lowering the
14 age restrictions for pharmacists to administer
15 vaccines to children;

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17 (2) The most effective means to lower such age
18 restrictions;

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20 (3) Whether additional education or certification
21 requirements for vaccinating pharmacists would be
22 necessary or recommended; and

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24 (4) Schemas of other states' vaccination age restrictions
25 that allow vaccination of minors by pharmacists in all
26 or limited circumstances; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be comprised of:

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30 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;

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32 (2) At least one member of the Board of Pharmacy;

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34 (3) At least one member of the Hawaii Pharmacists
35 Association;

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37 (4) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College
38 of Pharmacy or the Dean's designee;

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40 (5) Two pharmacists from chain store pharmacies provided
41 that one pharmacist shall be from a national chain
42 store with experience in pharmacy-administered
43 vaccinations to pediatric recipients as young as nine
44 years of age, and one pharmacist from each of two



1 independent pharmacies; provided that the
2 participating pharmacies shall be selected by the task
3 force; and
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5 (6) A member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii
6 Chapter; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the
9 Director's designee be the chairperson of the Task Force; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force
12 serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be situated in
15 the Department of Health for administrative purposes; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
18 Bureau is requested to assist the Task Force in drafting its
19 recommendations and any proposed legislation; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
22 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
23 any implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than
24 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
25 2011; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall cease to
28 exist after June 30, 2011; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
32 the Chair of the Board of Pharmacy, the Dean of the University
33 of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy, the District Manager for
34 Hawaii of Walgreens, the Local District Manager of CVS Caremark
35 Corp., the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics,
36 Hawaii Chapter, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Pharmacists
37 Association, and the Director of the Legislative Reference
38 Bureau.

