
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHARMACIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The chair of the board of pharmacy shall
2 establish a task force to conduct a study to determine the
3 feasibility of lowering the age at which vaccinations may be
4 administered by pharmacists; assess the feasibility of requiring
5 every pharmacy and remote dispensing pharmacy to have the
6 capacity to transmit and maintain prescriptions and prescription
7 information electronically; and develop a plan for pharmacy
8 participation in the Hawaii Health Information Exchange. The
9 task force shall conduct research, assess, plan, and evaluate
10 the following:

- 11 (1) The potential benefits and drawbacks of lowering the
12 age restrictions for pharmacists to administer
13 vaccines to children;
- 14 (2) The most effective means to lower such age
15 restrictions;
- 16 (3) Whether additional education or certification
17 requirements for vaccinating pharmacists would be
18 necessary or recommended;



1 (4) Schemas of other states' vaccination age restrictions
2 that allow vaccination of minors by pharmacists in all
3 or limited circumstances;

4 (5) The feasibility, costs, and benefits of requiring
5 every pharmacy and remote dispensing pharmacy to have
6 the capacity to transmit and maintain prescription and
7 prescription records electronically and a time frame
8 for implementing this requirement; and

9 (6) A plan to include pharmacy participation in the Hawaii
10 Health Information Exchange.

11 The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
12 recommendations, including any implementing legislation, to the
13 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 the regular session of 2011.

15 (b) The task force shall be situated in the department of
16 health for administrative purposes and the members shall serve
17 without compensation. The task force shall be chaired by the
18 director of health or the director's designee and shall
19 comprise:

20 (1) One member of the board of pharmacy;

21 (2) Two members of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association;



1 (3) Two pharmacists from chain store pharmacies, including
2 one pharmacist from a national chain store with
3 experience in pharmacy-administered vaccinations to
4 pediatric recipients as young as nine years of age,
5 and one pharmacist from each of two independent
6 pharmacies; provided that the participating pharmacies
7 shall be selected by the task force;

8 (4) One member of the American Academy of Pediatrics,
9 Hawaii Chapter; and

10 (5) One member from the Hawaii Health Information
11 Exchange.

12 (c) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2011.

13 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon approval and
14 shall be repealed on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Electronic Prescriptions; Prescription Records

Description:

Establishes a task force to examine the feasibility and desirability of pharmacists giving immunizations to children over nine years of age and under 18 years of age under certain circumstances; the feasibility, cost, benefits and a time frame for requiring pharmacies to transmit and maintain prescription and prescription records electronically; and a plan to include pharmacies in the Hawaii Health Information Exchange. Effective upon approval. (CD1)

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