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## SENATE 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 do not have ready  
2 access to vaccinations, thereby making them more susceptible to  
3 disease; and

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5           WHEREAS, the present economic recession makes gaining  
6 access to vaccinations even more difficult for struggling  
7 families; and

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9           WHEREAS, pharmacies are located throughout our communities  
10 and often have more extensive hours of operation than  
11 physicians' offices so that our residents can easily gain access  
12 to them; and

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14           WHEREAS, pharmacists who administer vaccinations must go  
15 through special training related to immunizations; and

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17           WHEREAS, pharmacists who administer vaccines have adult and  
18 child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training available;  
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21           WHEREAS, eighteen states have enacted legislation that  
22 allows pharmacists to immunize patients as young as nine years  
23 of age, thereby providing families with young children more  
24 access to the benefits of immunization; and

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26           WHEREAS, lowering the age restrictions for pharmacist-  
27 administered vaccinations will improve community access to  
28 potentially life-saving vaccines and will serve as a valuable  
29 preventative tool by allowing for quick and effective  
30 vaccination of a large number of people in the event of a public  
31 health emergency in Hawaii, such as the H1N1 flu outbreak; now,  
32 therefore,

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34           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,



1 that the Legislature requests the Chair of the Board of Pharmacy  
2 to 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; 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) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College  
35 of Pharmacy or the Dean's designee;
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  - 37 (4) One pharmacist each from Walgreens and Long's Drugs  
38 and representatives from two independent pharmacies;  
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  - 41 (5) A member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii  
42 Chapter; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the  
2 Director's designee be the chairperson of the Task Force; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force  
5 serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be situated in  
8 the Department of Health for administrative purposes; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
11 Bureau is requested to assist the Task Force in drafting its  
12 recommendations and any proposed legislation; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to  
15 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
16 any implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
17 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
18 2011; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall cease to  
21 exist after June 30, 2011; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Chair  
25 of the Board of Pharmacy, the Dean of the University of Hawaii  
26 at Hilo College of Pharmacy, the District Manager for Hawaii of  
27 Walgreens, the Local District Manager of CVS Caremark Corp., and  
28 the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii  
29 Chapter.

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