
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 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,
32 that the Legislature requests the Chair of the Board of Pharmacy
33 to establish a task force to conduct a study to determine the
34 feasibility of lowering the age at which vaccinations may be
35 administered by pharmacists; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be named the Pharmacist-Administered Vaccination Task Force (Task Force); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Task Force is to research and report to the Legislature on the following:

- (1) The potential benefits and drawbacks of lowering the age restrictions for pharmacists to administer vaccines to children;
- (2) The most effective means to lower such age restrictions;
- (3) Whether additional education or certification requirements for vaccinating pharmacists would be necessary or recommended; and
- (4) Schemas of other states' vaccination age restrictions that allow vaccination of minors by pharmacists in all or limited circumstances; and

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

- (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
- (2) At least one member of the Board of Pharmacy;
- (3) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy or the Dean's designee;
- (4) One pharmacist from each of two chain store pharmacies and two independent pharmacies; provided that the participating pharmacies shall be selected by the task force; and
- (5) A member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the Director's designee be the chairperson of the Task Force; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force
2 serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be situated in
5 the Department of Health for administrative purposes; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
8 Bureau is requested to assist the Task Force in drafting its
9 recommendations and any proposed legislation; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
12 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
13 any implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than
14 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
15 2011; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall cease to
18 exist after June 30, 2011; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Chair
22 of the Board of Pharmacy, the Dean of the University of Hawaii
23 at Hilo College of Pharmacy, the District Manager for Hawaii of
24 Walgreens, the Local District Manager of CVS Caremark Corp., the
25 President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter,
26 and the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

