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

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9 (1) The potential benefits and drawbacks of lowering the  
10 age restrictions for pharmacists to administer  
11 vaccines to children;  
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13 (2) The most effective means to lower such age  
14 restrictions;  
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16 (3) Whether additional education or certification  
17 requirements for vaccinating pharmacists would be  
18 necessary or recommended; and  
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20 (4) Schemas of other states' vaccination age restrictions  
21 that allow vaccination of minors by pharmacists in all  
22 or limited circumstances; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be comprised of:

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26 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;  
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28 (2) At least one member of the Board of Pharmacy;  
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30 (3) At least one member of the Hawaii Pharmacists  
31 Association;  
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33 (4) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College  
34 of Pharmacy or the Dean's designee;  
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36 (5) Two pharmacists from chain store pharmacies provided  
37 that one pharmacist shall be from a national chain  
38 store with experience in pharmacy-administered  
39 vaccinations to pediatric recipients as young as nine  
40 years of age, and one pharmacist from each of two  
41 independent pharmacies; provided that the  
42 participating pharmacies shall be selected by the task  
43 force; and  
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1 (6) A member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii  
2 Chapter; and

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

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

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

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

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to  
18 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
19 any implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
20 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
21 2011; and

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

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Chair  
28 of the Board of Pharmacy, the Dean of the University of Hawaii  
29 at Hilo College of Pharmacy, the District Manager for Hawaii of  
30 Walgreens, the Local District Manager of CVS Caremark Corp., the  
31 President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter,  
32 the Executive Director of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association,  
33 and the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

