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February 16, 2010

Hearing on HB2464, Wednesday, 02-17-10 2:00PM in House conference room 325.

To: Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Representative Robert Herkes, Chair
Re: **OPPOSE – HB2464** – Amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy" by changing the age of persons to whom immunizations are administered from 18 to nine years of age with parental consent.

Dear Representative Herkes:

Pediatricians are charged with proactively monitoring and intervening to optimize a child's health. A large component of that responsibility is disease prevention by immunization. Many vaccines require a series of doses for completion and the correct timing is imperative; new vaccines are constantly being added to the recommended immunization schedule; variations occur when temporary shortages occur; and appropriate immunization is a school entry requirement; therefore all pediatricians must have a system to ensure appropriate and timely immunization of their children.

Pediatricians also maximize the opportunity to intervene in children's health during these immunization office visits and must address issues of development, growth, parental concerns, school adjustments, drug abuse prevention, sexually transmitted disease prevention and many other child/adolescent health issues.

We have not heard of any physicians asking for immunizations to be administered outside of their office and upon more active inquiry have been told that childhood and adolescent immunizations need to be done by primary care physicians. Outside of the recent H1N1 vaccination shortage and mal-distribution problem, we have not heard of any access to immunization issues in Hawaii.

Immunizations techniques are more demanding for the pediatric population as many of these patients are not cooperative and their anatomy is different from the adult. Vaccine administration to the young population requires more training than adult vaccinations and needs to be continuously updated especially for those that may administer vaccines on an infrequent basis.

For these reasons of optimizing child health and safety, maintaining continuity of care and preventing fragmentation of vital records we are opposed to this legislation.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Galen YK Chock, MD.

Galen YK Chock, MD

President, The American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter



LIFE TESTIMONY

February 16, 2010

The Honorable Robert N. Herkes, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 320
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: H.B. 2464, HD1 – Relating to Practice of Pharmacy
Hearing: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Herkes and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

I am Mihoko Ito, an attorney with Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, testifying on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates and offers immunization services in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. To date, this program has allowed Walgreens to provide over 1.6 million H1N1 vaccines across the country. In Hawai‘i, Walgreens now has 9 stores on the islands of Maui and Oahu.

Walgreens **strongly supports H.B. 2464, HD1**, which amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy" by changing the age of persons to whom immunizations are administered from 18 to nine years of age with parental consent.

Presently, 18 states have enacted legislation that allows pharmacists to immunize patients with no age restrictions or lower than the age of 9 years old. Allowing pharmacists to administer vaccinations is a low-cost and convenient way to meet an important public health need. Studies have shown that in states in which pharmacists are allowed to administer vaccines, the vaccine coverage rates are increased for the target population.

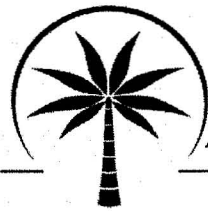
Pharmacists are required to receive specialized training to administer vaccinations. Presently, Walgreens pharmacists who participate in vaccine programs go through a “Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery” certificate training program offered by the American Pharmacists Association and recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or a state approved equivalent program. In addition to immunization training, all participating pharmacists are required to become certified in adult and child CPR and take OSHA blood-borne pathogens training. These programs include training to administer vaccines for children nine years of age and older.

Walgreens supports this bill because it gives pharmacists prescriptive authority whereby they, upon proper eligibility screening, can administer any approved vaccine to an eligible patient at least 9 years of age.

Lowering the age restrictions for pharmacist-administered vaccines will improve access to life-saving vaccines and serve as a valuable preventative tool. It would allow for a quick and effective response to vaccinate a large number of people in the event of a public health emergency in Hawai‘i.

Walgreens respectfully requests that the Committee pass this measure. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

LATE TESTIMONY



Hawaii Pharmacists
Association

TESTIMONY

February 16, 2010

The Honorable Robert N. Herkes, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: H.B. 2464 – Relating to Practice of Pharmacy

Dear Chair Herkes and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

My name is SueAnn Yasuoka, RPh., testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association. The Hawaii Pharmacists Association is comprised of pharmacists practicing in many different disciplines including, community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy and academia from the University Of Hawaii College Of Pharmacy. The Hawaii Pharmacists Association opposes H.B. 2464.

Hawaii Pharmacists Association is a provider of the American Pharmacists Association's (APhA) Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery Certificate Program. Successful completion of this program allows a pharmacist to administer vaccines in accordance with Hawaii law to patients 18 years and older. Although the APhA training program educates the pharmacist on childhood vaccines, the Hawaii Pharmacists Association feels it is important that pharmacists receive additional training that includes emphasis on the administration of vaccines to children as young as 9 years of age. The childhood vaccination schedule is more complicated than the adult vaccination schedule and requires multiple doses of vaccines. In addition, there are psycho-social issues surrounding the administration of vaccines to children. Therefore, we feel administration of vaccines for children as young as 9 is best done under the care of the pediatrician or family practitioner.

The Hawaii Pharmacists feels further discussion is necessary with organizations such as the Department of Health, other healthcare providers and organizations involved with pediatrics before proceeding with this Bill.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.