
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The director of health shall establish an
2 immunization task force to study the benefits of childhood
3 immunizations in Hawaii in light of rising concerns about
4 possible causal links between childhood vaccinations and
5 diagnoses of autism spectrum disorders and other illnesses. The
6 task force shall research, assess, and evaluate the following:
- 7 (1) The potential benefits and risks of immunizing
8 children against common diseases;
- 9 (2) Causal links, if any, between childhood immunizations
10 and autism spectrum disorders and other illnesses; and
- 11 (3) The number and types of vaccinations currently
12 required for children in Hawaii and whether changes
13 should be made to the State's mandatory vaccination
14 policies, including the feasibility, costs, and
15 benefits of requiring additional vaccinations.
- 16 (b) The immunization task force shall submit a report of
17 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2013.

3 (c) The immunization task force shall be established in
4 the department of health for administrative purposes only and
5 the members shall serve without compensation. The task force
6 shall be chaired by the director of health or the director's
7 designee. The task force shall comprise the following members,
8 to be selected by the chairperson and requested to serve:

- 9 (1) One member of the American Academy of Pediatrics,
- 10 Hawaii Chapter;
- 11 (2) Pediatricians and other professional members of
- 12 Hawaii's medical community;
- 13 (3) Concerned parents and caregivers; and
- 14 (4) Children advocates.

15 (d) The immunization task force shall cease to exist on
16 January 1, 2013.

17 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:

Creates an immunization task force within DOH to study benefits and risks of childhood vaccinations.

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