

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1966

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1966
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACCINATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enact a recommendation made
by the task force established pursuant to Act 125, Session Laws of
Hawaii 2010, to allow pharmacists to administer the influenza
vaccine to persons between 14 and 17 years of age under certain
conditions.

The Department of Health, Hawaii Medical Service Association,
'Ohana Health Plan, Walgreen Co., Safeway, and Times Supermarkets
testified in support of this measure. An individual testified in
opposition to this measure. The Board of Pharmacy commented on
this measure.

Your Committee recognizes the work of the task force in
determining, among other things, the feasibility of lowering the
age at which vaccinations may be administered by pharmacists.
While there are several states that permit pharmacists to immunize
patients as young as nine years of age, your Committee notes that
this measure represents a compromise resulting from the
collaborative efforts of the members of the task force,
representing the fields of pharmacy, pediatrics, and public
health, in its recommendation to administer the influenza vaccine
to persons between 14 and 17 years of age.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1966, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1966, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



