

SB2229 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.

Report Title: Vaccinations; Children

Description: Allows pharmacists, per a physician's prescription, to administer the influenza vaccine to persons aged fourteen to seventeen provided that the pharmacist has fulfilled certain requirements, including renewing the license to administer the influenza vaccine to minors every four years. (SD1)

Companion: HB1966

Package: None

Current Referral: HTH, CPN

Introducer(s): GREEN, CHUN OAKLAND

<u>Sort by Date</u>		<u>Status Text</u>
1/20/2012	S	Introduced.
1/20/2012	S	Passed First Reading.
1/23/2012	S	Referred to HTH, CPN.
2/3/2012	S	The committee(s) on HTH has scheduled a public hearing on 02-10-12 2:45PM in conference room 229.
2/7/2012	S	The committee(s) on HTH has rescheduled its public hearing to 02-10-12 1:30PM in conference room 229.
2/10/2012	S	The committee(s) on HTH recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in HTH were as follows: 6 Aye(s): Senator(s) Green, Nishihara, Baker, Chun Oakland, Shimabukuro, Wakai; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Slom.
2/17/2012	S	Reported from HTH (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2311) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to CPN.
2/17/2012	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to CPN.
2/21/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-24-12 9:00AM in conference room 229.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2012**

**Friday, February 24, 2012
9:00 a.m.**

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL NO. 2229, S.D.1, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.

**TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

My name is Todd Inafuku, member of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Chair of the Board's Laws and Rules Committee. I appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments on Senate Bill No. 2229, S.D.1, Relating to Vaccinations, which includes the recommendations of the Task Force ("Task Force") that was established pursuant to Act 125, SLH 2010, to make recommendations to the Legislature on the potential benefits and drawbacks of lowering the age restrictions for pharmacists to administer vaccines to children. This bill would allow a pharmacist to administer the influenza vaccine to persons between the ages of fourteen and seventeen pursuant to a valid prescription and comply with other reporting and training requirements.

The Board supports the intent of this bill with the following amendments:

1. Page 3, lines 13-20, refers to the approval of a training program required for pharmacists who administer the influenza vaccine to persons between the ages of fourteen and seventeen years. This section requires that the training program be approved by the Board, the Hawaii Pharmacists Association and

the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter, Inc. After further consideration of the language recommended by the Task Force, the Board determined that it is unnecessary and onerous for the Hawaii Pharmacists Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter, Inc. to approve a training program for pharmacists. Under the definition of "Practice of pharmacy", language already exists that allow pharmacists who have received the appropriate training approved by the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education ("ACPE") to administer drugs, immunizations and emergency contraception. ACPE is the recognized national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing education. ACPE's Continuing Education Provider Program is designed to assure pharmacists of the quality of continuing education programs, thereby assisting in the advancement of the practice of pharmacy. Consequently, the Board respectfully requests that this section be amended as follows:

"(d) All pharmacists who administer the influenza vaccine to persons between the ages of fourteen and seventeen years shall complete a training program [for which a certificate of completion is issued; provided that the programs is approved by the board, The Hawaii Pharmacists Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter, Inc.]ap proved by the ACPE, for which a certificate of completion is issued. The pharmacist shall submit the completion certificate for the training program to the board."

2. Page 8, lines 7-10, refers to a "license" for a pharmacist to administer the influenza vaccine to minors pursuant to section 461- ____ and that this "license" shall be subject to this section, which refers to the biennial renewal, except the "license" shall be valid for four years rather than two years. We believe this amendment conflicts with the biennial renewal requirement changing it from every two years to four years only for those pharmacists who administer the influenza vaccine to minors and should be deleted. If the intent was to amend the training requirement from every two years to every four years, then the amendment on page 10, lines 9 -13 recognizes that the training course must be completed every four years instead of two years.
3. Page 12, lines 13-16, makes it a violation of the pharmacy practice act for a pharmacist to administer the influenza vaccine to a person between fourteen and seventeen years of age without complying with the training requirement or reporting requirements of 461- _____. The Board agrees that any pharmacist who wishes to administer the influenza vaccine to persons between the ages of fourteen and seventeen must meet all the requirements of 461- _____ and therefore respectfully requests the following amendment:

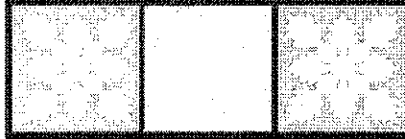
"(11) Administering the influenza vaccine to a person between fourteen and seventeen years of age without complying with [the appropriate training or reporting requirement, or both, in] section 461- _____."

The Board appreciates the efforts of the Task Force; however, upon closer review of the bill's proposed language, the Board believes that its recommended

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changes would increase access by minors to influenza vaccinations without jeopardizing patient safety. The recommended changes would make the training requirements less burdensome for pharmacists by aligning the training requirements of this bill with current pharmacist training and continuing education requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on Senate Bill No. 2229, S.D.1.



Hawaii Association of Health Plans

February 24, 2012

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: SB 2229 SD1 – Relating to Vaccinations

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Richard Jackson and I am chair of the Public Policy Committee of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP). HAHP is a non-profit organization consisting of eight (8) member organizations: AlohaCare, HMAA, HMSA, HWMG, Kaiser Permanente, MDX Hawai'i, UHA, and UnitedHealthcare. Our mission is to promote initiatives aimed at improving the overall health of Hawaii. HAHP is also an active participant in the legislative process. Before providing any testimony, all HAHP member organizations must be in unanimous agreement of the statement or position.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2229 SD1 which would allow pharmacists to administer the influenza vaccine to patients aged fourteen to seventeen, per a physician's prescription.

HAHP understands the importance of preventative care, and we have committed to working with the State Administration to financially support the Stop Flu at School Program (SFAS). SFAS is a vaccination program that supplies the influenza vaccine at participating schools statewide, and its intent is to increase access to inoculation against influenza.

Similarly, we believe that by allowing pharmacists to provide the vaccine under physician's orders, more children will be able to receive the vaccine. These preventative measures will help ensure the health of our keiki and help prevent the more severe health issues that can arise from instances of influenza.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of this measure today.

Sincerely,

Richard Jackson
Chair, Public Policy Committee

February 24, 2012

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
Protection

From: Susan Houghton, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations

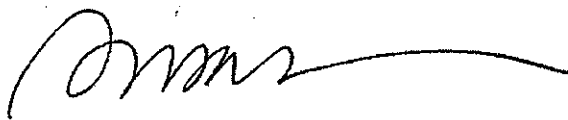
Re: Safeway Support for SB 2229, SD1: Relating to Vaccinations

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2229,
SD1.

SB 2229, SD1 allows pharmacists, per a physician's prescription, to administer the influenza vaccine to persons aged fourteen to seventeen provided that the pharmacist has fulfilled certain requirements. This measure is a significant and important step toward making influenza vaccines more readily available to a wider population.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this important legislation. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (925) 467-2212 or George Glukfeld, our Hawaii district manager at (808) 524-4554.

Sincerely,



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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: SB 2229, SD1: Relating to Vaccinations

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, on behalf of Times Supermarkets, we are writing in **support** of SB 2229, SD1.

SB 2229, SD1, allows pharmacists, per a physician's prescription, to administer the influenza vaccine to persons aged fourteen to seventeen provided that the pharmacist has fulfilled certain requirements. We believe that this measure is an important step toward making influenza vaccines more readily available to a wider population.

As you may know, Times Supermarkets is based on Oahu and operates 26 stores with locations in Maui, Kauai and Oahu. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter at (209) 957-2555, ext 153 or Bob Stout, President of Times Supermarket at (808) 831-0811. We thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward to continuing the dialogue regarding this and other important public policies.

Respectfully,

Bob Gutierrez
Director of Government Affairs,
Times Supermarket and Big Save Supermarket

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Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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FROM: Mihoko E. Ito

DATE: February 23, 2012

RE: **S.B. 2229, SD1 – Relating to Vaccinations**
Hearing Date: February 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229

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

I am Mihoko Ito, an attorney with Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, submitting comments on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawai‘i, Walgreens now has 11 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawai‘i.

Walgreens supports S.B. 2229, SD1, in its current form, which allows pharmacists to administer the influenza vaccine to persons aged fourteen to seventeen with a physician's prescription, provided that the pharmacist has fulfilled certain requirements. We support the passage of this measure, recognizing that it is the result of the collaborative efforts of the members of the vaccination task force formed pursuant to Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010.

In Hawaii, the current law allows for vaccines to be given to person 18 years or older pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement. Walgreens ultimately supports the lowering of the age restrictions to age 9 for the flu and other pharmacist-administered vaccines without a physician's prescription. To date, 27 other states have a lowered their age restrictions to at least 9 years old, and in most of these states this practice is allowed this practice pursuant to a physician protocol, rather than a prescription.

However, we support S.B. 2229, SD1 as a result of the work of the task force, because we believe that increasing access to vaccines is an important public, and appreciate that the

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issue was fully considered and analyzed by the interested stakeholders.

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 is committed to promoting public health by improving the accessibility of life-saving vaccines. We believe that, given proper training and certification for pharmacists, lowering the age restrictions for pharmacist-administered vaccines will improve access to vaccines and serve as a valuable preventative tool. In Hawai'i, it would also allow for a quick and effective response to vaccinate a large number of people in the event of a public health emergency.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit comments on this measure.