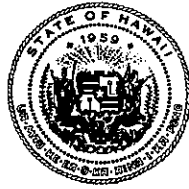


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House Committee on Health

SB 2229, SD 2, Relating to Vaccinations

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

March 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** Strongly Support.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The proposed legislation seeks to enact recommendations developed by the
4 Act 125(10) Task Force, which had been convened to research, assess, plan, and evaluate the potential
5 benefits and drawbacks of reducing the age restrictions that prevent children from receiving vaccines
6 from pharmacists; the most effective means to reduce such age restrictions; and whether educational or
7 certification requirements would be necessary or recommended to allow pharmacists to administer
8 vaccines to children. The Department supports these recommendations as they reflect the consensus
9 reached concerning these issues by Task Force members representing the fields of pharmacy, pediatrics,
10 and public health in the State of Hawaii.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2012

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2229, S.D. 2, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, 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 testify on Senate Bill No. 2229, S.D. 2, Relating to Vaccinations. The Board supports this bill which 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 requirements with the following amendment:

- Page 10, beginning on line 11, "complete a training program [~~described in section 461 _____ every four years~~] approved by the board within every other biennial renewal period and submit proof of successful completion of the..."

SECTION 2 of the bill already refers to training programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education ("ACPE"). The amendment would be consistent with the current requirement that pharmacists complete board approved training courses accredited by the ACPE. This amendment will also clarify that the pharmacist who administers the influenza vaccine to minors complete a training program within every other biennial renewal period, which equates to every four years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2229, S.D. 2.

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March 20, 2012

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health

Re: SB 2229, SD2 – Relating to Vaccinations

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

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2229, SD2. This Bill will authorize pharmacists to administer influenza vaccine to persons between 14 and 17 years of age, pursuant to a valid prescription.

Keeping our members healthy through personal attention and preventive care is the cornerstone of our new model of health care delivery for our members - the patient centered medical home. Our vision is to have the primary care provider work on an individual health care regime for each of our members, including appropriate and acceptable immunizations. Taking personal responsibility and preventive measures will help minimize the opportunity for each member to endure more severe and costly health conditions.

The importance of preventive measures, including immunizations, was not better highlighted than in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). While many of the other elements of the federal health care reform will not be realized until 2014, the ACA mandated preventive health services with no cost-sharing within the first six months of the ACA's enactment, September 2010. In Hawaii, the State Administration, working with the Hawaii Association of Health Plans, reenergized the statewide school-located flu vaccination program, further exemplifying the commitment to preventive health and an appropriate immunization program.

Thank you the opportunity to testify in support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark K. Oto".

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Tuesday, March 20, 2012

To: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane
Chair, House Committee on Health

From: 'Ohana Health Plan

Re: Senate Bill 2229, Senate Draft 2-Relating to Vaccinations

Hearing: Monday, March 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 329

'Ohana Health Plan is managed by a local team of experienced health care professionals who embrace cultural diversity, advocate preventative care and facilitate communications between members and providers. Our philosophy is to place members and their families at the center of the health care continuum.

'Ohana Health Plan is offered by WellCare Health Insurance of Arizona, Inc. WellCare provides managed care services exclusively for government-sponsored health care programs serving approximately 2.6 million Medicaid and Medicare members nationwide. 'Ohana has been able to take WellCare's national experience and that of our local team to develop an 'Ohana care model that addresses local members' health care, long-term care and care coordination needs.

We appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2229, Senate Draft 2-Relating to Vaccinations. The purpose of this bill is to allow 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 bill will assist in increasing the ability of children ages 14 to 17 to access influenza vaccinations, or flu shots. Passage of this measure will assist in increasing the accessibility and availability for people aged fourteen to seventeen to receive their influenza vaccination.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 2229, Senate Draft 2-Relating to Vaccinations.

March 20, 2012

To: Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

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

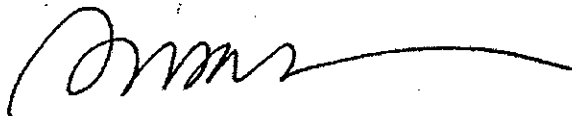
Re: Safeway Support for SB 2229, SD2: Relating to Vaccinations

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2229, SD2.

SB 2229, SD2 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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March 20, 2012

Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

Re: SB 2229, SD2: Relating to Vaccinations

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health, on behalf of Times Supermarkets, we are writing in support of SB 2229, SD2.

SB 2229, SD2 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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TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane
Chair, Committee on Health
Via Email: HLTtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov and Hand Delivery

FROM: Mihoko E. Ito

DATE: March 17, 2012

RE: **S.B. 2229, SD2 – Relating to Vaccinations**
Hearing Date: March 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329

Dear Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee on Health:

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, SD2, 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, SD2 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 issue was fully considered and analyzed by the interested stakeholders.

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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.

We respectfully request that you pass this measure. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.