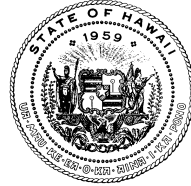


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**SB 2825, RELATING TO THE HAWAII IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY**

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

**February 24, 2012, 10:00 a.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this administration bill.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None. No state funds are required to implement this proposal. The Hawai'i  
3 Immunization Registry (HIR) is supported by a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
4 Immunizations and Vaccines for Children grant.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The intent of this proposal is to enable health insurers access to their  
6 member or subscriber data in HIR for the limited purpose of producing immunization assessment  
7 reports. The ability to efficiently share the immunization data of respective members or subscribers  
8 with insurers could potentially assist insurers in formulating strategies to improve immunization rates in  
9 their member populations, and ultimately aid in the prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases in  
10 Hawai'i.

11 The additional statutory change requested would allow for the inclusion of minimal patient  
12 demographic information in HIR to enable the system to automatically identify patients that have elected  
13 to refuse participation in HIR ("opt-out"). This change would prevent the inadvertent data entry or data  
14 transfer of restricted information into HIR and would ensure more thorough privacy protections for  
15 individuals who have elected to opt-out of HIR.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

# HMSA



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February 24, 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**Re: SB 2825 – Relating to the Hawaii Immunization Registry**

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2825. This Bill will authorize health plans to access the immunization registry specifically for the purpose of generating immunization assessment reports so that we may help our members maintain better health conditions and prevent more dangerous and costly episodes of illness.

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.

In conjunction with this health care model, we now have incorporated incentives for providers who have met measures of success in helping our members improve their health status through preventive steps. Having access to the immunization registry is a critical factor in measuring that success.

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 SB 2825. We appreciate the State Administration's understanding of the importance of this measure, and your favorable consideration also is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Diesman  
Vice President, Government Relations



February 24, 2012  
10:00am  
Conference Room 016

To: The Honorable, Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
The Honorable, Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Paula Arcena, Director of Public Policy  
Robert Toyofuku, Government Affairs

Re: SB2825 Relating to the Hawaii Immunization Registry

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

AlohaCare **supports** SB2825, which would allow health insurers to access immunization data of our health plan members from the Hawaii Immunization Registry. Currently, health plans are not allowed access to the registry.

As you are aware, immunizations are an important preventive health measure and have been made more accessible outside the confines of a provider's clinic. The Department of Health's Stop Flu in School program is an example of significantly increasing access to childhood immunization by bringing flu shots to school campuses during school hours to provide easy access.

As a Medicaid health plan, AlohaCare is judged for its ability to make health care services, such as immunizations, available to its members. Allowing health plan to have access to the Immunization Registry will allow us to better assess the needs of our members and how we can best meet them.

AlohaCare is a non-profit, Hawaii based health plan founded in 1994 by Hawaii's community health centers to serve low-income families and medically vulnerable members of our community through government sponsored health insurance programs. We serve beneficiaries of Medicaid and Medicare on all islands.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2825 specifically because it Authorizes the registry to store minimal demographic information for individuals who have elected to refuse inclusion in the registry.

The given JUSTIFICATION for this requested statutory change is that it this change would prevent the inadvertent data entry or data transfer of restricted patient information into the registry, thereby ensuring more thorough privacy protections for individuals who have elected to opt out.

In other words, it is supposed to offer MORE Security and Privacy protection.

The fact the a child's name and birthday, as well as other "minimal demographic information" which is not described, will be kept from the time of a child's birth for at LEAST 25 years does not sound like a way to ensure more privacy.

One of the reason people choose to opt their children out of such a system is to try to protect them from the growing problem of child identity theft.

Javelin Strategy, a research group that studies identity theft, estimates that 5 percent of consumers who are a victim of a data breach indicated that their children's information was used fraudulently.

Child identity theft is getting more sophisticated and is growing rapidly since children won't be applying for credit to buy a car or receive a credit card for years to come, those who purchase these numbers can use them to obtain phony lines of credit and rack up debt, sometimes for years, and only become discovered when the child first applies for credit.

I do not feel that the registry should be an OPT OUT System UNLESS the registry can assure security and privacy.

Allowing an Opt-Out System that still leaves name and birth date as well as other undisclosed information simply because it is the easiest way for registry to avoid making mistakes is NOT a good enough reason to allow it.

If making these simple kinds of mistakes has been a problem, I doubtful of the registry's ability to secure my child's information.

The registry needs to create a better system to avoid making mistakes, and if it can not, than the registry should be an "OPT- IN" registry so people can be given a choice after they are given the benefit and risk information.

I do not see how the benefit of the registry for my child can ever outweigh the ever growing risk of child identity theft, and making things easier for the registry should not include putting children at risk.

If ANY children's information or identity is placed in the registry against parents request than it should also require the registry to fully insure any child from any type of identity theft from birth until 10 years after their information is removed. I am sure that would be much more expensive than creating a good OPT IN system or a system that avoids making "mistakes";.

Please remember that if this system's goal is to make things cheaper or easier for insurance companies and government agencies, it should NOT do so at the risk of the children it is ultimately designed to protect.

I do not see how the registry offers any major benefit to children besides reminding their parents if they miss a vaccine , keeping track of vaccination history, and parents who prefer not to have their children "tracked";

Thank You  
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