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House Committee on Health

H.B. 907, Relating to Vaccination Guidelines

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Director of Health

February 8, 2013, 8:30 a.m.

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

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Parents and guardians as well as immunization providers must bear the cost of
3 vaccinations provided at intervals no longer recommended according to standard medical practices yet
4 remain requirements for school attendance according to the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11,
5 Chapter 157 (chapter 11-157), "Examination and Immunization."

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this legislative proposal is to authorize the Director of
7 Health to adopt the immunization recommendations of the United States Department of Health and
8 Human Services, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), including interim
9 recommendations, as they apply to a list of vaccines specified in chapter 11-157, as rules. The ACIP is a
10 national group of 15 medical and public health experts that develop recommendations on how to use
11 vaccines to control diseases in the United States. Fourteen of the members have expertise in
12 vaccinology, immunology, pediatrics, internal medicine, nursing, family medicine, virology, public
13 health, infectious diseases, and/or preventive medicine; one member is a consumer representative who
14 provides perspectives on the social and community aspects of vaccination. The ACIP recommendations

1 stand as public health advice that will lead to a reduction in the incidence of vaccine preventable
2 diseases and an increase in the safe use of vaccines and related biological products.

3 Since chapter 11-157 was last updated in 2001, many vaccines have been added to the national
4 recommended immunization schedules for children and adolescents and numerous updates to the
5 recommended timing and spacing of vaccinations were advised by the ACIP. These changes are not
6 reflected in the current State pediatric immunization requirements and preschool, compulsory school,
7 and post-secondary school entry and attendance requirements. This may result in children who received
8 vaccinations according to current ACIP recommended immunization schedules but are non-compliant
9 with chapter 11-157 because of updates to recommended immunization timing or intervals that have not
10 yet been incorporated into the rules. Currently, these students are placed on preschool, compulsory
11 school, or post-secondary school provisional entrance status until the additional dose is administered and
12 the outdated chapter 11-157 immunization requirement is met. Parents or guardians, as well as
13 immunization providers, must pay for these additional vaccines, vaccine administration fees, and office
14 visits in order for children affected by these discrepancies to attend school in Hawaii.

15 The inconsistency between current national vaccination standards and chapter 11-157
16 immunization requirements can create unnecessary and potentially costly barriers to school attendance
17 in Hawaii. The proposed legislative solution seeks to streamline the school immunization requirements
18 approval and adoption process to ensure the timely harmonization of Hawaii's immunization
19 requirements with current ACIP recommendations.

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

**Testimony of
Mihoko E. Ito
on behalf of
Walgreens**

DATE: February 6, 2013

TO: Representative Della Au Belatti
Chair, Committee on Health
Submitted Via E-mail HLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **H.B. 907 – Relating to Vaccination Guidelines**
Hearing Date: Friday, February 8, 2013 at 8:30 am
Conference Room 329

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee on Health:

I am Mihoko Ito, testifying 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** H.B. 907, which allows the Department of Health to adopt, amend, or repeal a list of specific vaccines and implement rules regarding the immunization recommendations of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on these vaccines.

As noted in its description, the purpose of this bill is to ensure that immunizations required, and the manner and frequency of their administration, conform with currently recognized standard medical practices.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccines are a safe, efficient and cost-effective way to protect against vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccinating a population saves healthcare dollars (every \$1 spent on immunizations saves \$6.30 in direct costs, i.e. hospitalizations), and assists each year in preventing millions of cases of vaccine-preventable diseases nationwide. Moreover, providing vaccines in a pharmacy setting saves the patient and the healthcare system even more.

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Walgreens pharmacies increase the public's access to vaccines by making convenience of providing vaccines in a retail setting. Walgreens pharmacists go through a "Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery" certificate training program offered by the American Pharmacists Association and recognized by the CDC.

Walgreens supports this measure as a first step to expanding access to vaccines by allowing the Department to adopt a list of specific vaccines and establish the appropriate rules for the same, pursuant to CDC and ACIP guidelines. This measure will allow the Department flexibility to adopt nationally accepted standards of practice with regard to vaccines, and ultimately will help accomplish the adequate administration of vaccines to meet an important public health need.

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

Dr. Myron Berney HB907 Support with New Language to ensure Vaccine Safety

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Friday, February 08, 2013

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HB907 Support with New Language to ensure Vaccine Safety

Mercury and Aluminum are established by Law as being TOXIC heavy metals. They interfere with the healthy nutritional minerals, poisoning enzyme systems, poisoning cells and brain cells, Mad as a Hatter.

The only defense that the Vaccine makers state is that we are not using methyl mercury we are using ethyl mercury. Still very toxic just not quite as toxic as methyl mercury.

The more the vaccinations in the elderly the more the dementia.
The more the vaccinations in children the more the hospital admissions.

The idea and goals of vaccination are good but the vaccinations in practice harm patients and children. Vaccinations can be made safer. My dog gets vaccinations free of toxic Mercury and toxic Aluminum.

The State should require Safe Vaccines free of toxic heavy metals, ethyl Mercury and Aluminum.

This will also help save money on learning disabilities in schools