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To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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Re: HB 907 RELATING TO VACCINATION GUIDELINES

In Support.

The Hawaii Medical Association agrees with the legislature that this bill authorizing the Department of Health to adopt, amend, or repeal a list of specific vaccines and adopt immunization recommendations of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will ensure that immunizations required will conform with currently recognized standard medical practices.

Thank you for introducing this bill and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Before:
House Committee on Health
The Honorable Della Au Belatti., Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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HB 907 RELATING TO VACCINATION GUIDELINES

Chair Belatti and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 907 regarding providing DOH the authority to adopt vaccination guidelines without using the Chapter 91 HRS rules process.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this bill.

This bill, put forward by the department of health, will allow more rapid compliance with federal recommendations for vaccination. The current state rules process for updating the immunization school entry requirements is very lengthy and can take years. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meets three times a year to ensure immunization schedules and vaccine administration guidelines, are providing the best protection against infectious diseases in the population. This bill will provide a more timely process for updating the immunization schedule for school entry requirement and align with the most current CDC immunization schedule which is used in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.



As a representative of the Hawaii Immunization Coalition, a non-profit 501(C)3 agency in Hawaii active in immunization education and partnering in support of immunization strategies, we are strongly in support of Senate Bill 1138 and its companion measure, House Bill 907, "Relating to Vaccination Guidelines".

Vaccination guidelines and administrative rules relating to vaccination are important tools for assuring children receive the required immunizations and that parents are supported in their role to ensure that their children are fully vaccinated and ready to attend school. The proposed legislative approach focuses on streamlining the school immunization requirements approval process and adopting immunization requirements so that they remain current with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Amending administrative rules Chapter 11-157 is a lengthy and complicated process sometimes taking several years to finalize. Having legislation that always follows the most up-to-date vaccination ACIP guidelines will make certain that schools adhere to the most recent polices so that no student is either denied school entry because of missing vaccinations or that parents have to seek vaccinations in order to comply so that their child may attend school.

This bill is strongly supported by the Hawaii State Department of Health. Hawaii Immunization Coalition also lends its' strong support to these two bills.

Should there be any questions, please contact me by email or phone.

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Comments: Dear Representative Belatti, The National Council of Asian Pacific Islanders (NCAPIP) supports HB 907 which would authorize the Hawaii Department of Health to update required vaccines in accordance with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. In other words, when national vaccine recommendations change the HI updated vaccines will automatically change, too. HB 907 will ensure that immunizations required, and the manner and frequency of their administration, conform with currently recognized standard medical practices. National recommendations for vaccine administration are updated yearly, at minimum, by the ACIP and have resulted in discrepancies between current national vaccination standards and Hawaii's pediatric and school entry and attendance requirements. Since Hawaii Rules was last updated in 2001, numerous changes to the timing and spacing of vaccinations have been recommended by the ACIP. These changes are not reflected in the current state pediatric immunization requirements and preschool, and post-secondary school entry and attendance requirements. Although it ranked 5th for overall health in a 2010 United Health Foundation report, Hawaii ranks 44th for immunization coverage (children ages 9-35 months) according to America's Health Rankings (<http://statehealthstats.americashealthrankings.org/#/state/US/AR/2010>). Please help increase immunization rates in Hawaii by supporting HB 907. Should you have any questions please contact me at 773-537-8613 or email: htran@ncapip.org. Regards, Ho Luong Tran, M.D., M.P.H President and CEO National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians 445 Grant Avenue, Suite 202 San Francisco, CA 94108 www.ncapip.org htran@ncapip.org 773-537-8613

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