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House Committee on Health

S.B. 1138, Relating to Vaccination Guidelines

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Director of Health

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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 holds three
15 meetings each year at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. All meetings

1 are open to the public, are available online via webcast, and have scheduled public comment periods.
2 During the meetings, members present findings and discuss vaccine research and scientific data related
3 to vaccine effectiveness and safety, clinical trial results, and manufacturer’s labeling or package insert
4 information. The ACIP recommendations stand as public health advice that will lead to a reduction in
5 the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases and an increase in the safe use of vaccines and related
6 biological products.

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16 the outdated chapter 11-157 immunization requirement is met.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

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

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



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Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

FROM: Hawaii Medical Association
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Re: SB 1138 RELATING TO VACCINATION GUIDELINES

In Support.

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports this measure.

The HMA supports the purpose of this Bill, which authorizes the DOH to adopt, amend, or repeal a list of specific vaccines and to adopt, amend, or repeal, as rules, the immunization recommendations of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, as they apply to the list of specific vaccines. This will ensure that immunizations required, and the manner and frequency of their administration, conform to currently recognized standard medical practices.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Before:
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The Honorable Della Au Belatti., Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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SB 1138 RELATING TO VACCINATION GUIDELINES

Chair Belatti and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB1138 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.

**Testimony of
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on behalf of
Walgreens**

DATE: March 13, 2013

TO: Representative Della Au Belatti
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Submitted Via E-mail HLHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **S.B. 1138 – Relating to Vaccination Guidelines**
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Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee on Health:

We submit this testimony 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. 1138, 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

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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.

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 testimony regarding this measure.

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