

SB1138

TESTIMONY



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DATE: Friday, February 22, 2013
TIME: 1:15 P.M.
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To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David H Messer , III PA-C	Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants supports SB 1138, 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. The current state rules process for updating the immunization requirements is a very lengthy process and can take years. This bill will allow more rapid compliance with federal recommendations for vaccination Thank you for your consideration. David H. Messer III , PA-C President

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RE: SB 1138

Senate Committee on Health
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Education
The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Honorable Senators and Committee Members

The Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants supports passage of Senate Bill 1138.
The 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.
We urge you to pass this important bill.

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**Testimony of
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito
on behalf of
Walgreens**

DATE: February 21, 2013

TO: Senator Josh Green
Chair, Committee on Health

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Committee on Education
Submitted Via E-mail HTHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **S.B. 1138 – Relating to Vaccination Guidelines**
Hearing Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 at 1:15 pm
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Green, Chair Tokuda and Members of the Joint Committees:

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.



NCAPIP
National Council of Asian
Pacific Islander Physicians

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER PHYSICIANS

February 20, 2013

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Dear **Senators**,

The National Council of Asian Pacific Islanders (NCAPIP) supports **SB 1138** 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. **SB 1138** will ensure that immunizations required, and the manner and frequency of their administration, conform to 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 **SB 1138**.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 773-537-8613 or email: htran@ncapip.org. should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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As a representative of the Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC), 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 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 with regulations so that their child/children 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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RE: Oppostion to S.B. 1138 Relating to Vaccination Guidelines

Testimony from: Sukwah Grace Lin
Senate Bill 1138 Relating to Vaccination Guidelines
Committee: Health Committee (HLT)
Hearing Date: Friday, February 22, 2013
Hearing Time: 1:15 p.m.
Hearing Location: Room 229

Dear Senator Kim and Sente Health Committee,

I strongly **OPPOSE** the Senator bill 1138. At the least I ask that an amendment be added for all parents to be able to get a vaccination exemption on the Flu shot, the TB test and all vaccinations.

The reason being that we can now reach a conclusion in the issue of vaccinated vs unvaccinated children. An ongoing study our of Germany involving over 17,000 children, including newborns up to those 19 years of age, has found that vaccinated children have up to 5 times the rate of diseases and disorders compared to the same age group who has not been vaccinated. In every single disease category, unvaccinated children fared far better than vaccinated children in terms of both disease prevalence and severity. In other words, the evidence suggests that vaccines are neither effective nor safe. This study confirms the results of earlier independent study surveys that produced similar conclusions in the vaccinated vs unvaccinated issue.

In this study, the numbers are even more divergent for asthma and chronic bronchitis, where vaccinated children are about eight times more likely than unvacinnated children to develop such respiratory problems. Vaccinated children are also far more likely to develop hyperactivity, hayfever, and thyroid disease, with their likelihood three times, four times, and a shocking 17 times higher, respectively, compared to unvaccinated children.

This study also shows that in this population, vaccinated children are about 2.5 times more likely to develop severe autism compared to unvaccinated children. The four unvaccinated children who reported severe autism all tested high for heavy metals, including mercury, which further indicates vaccines and their disease-causing ingredients.

I would like to point out the most recent statistics published by CDC for their survey done in 2008. About 1 in 6 children in the U.S. had a developmental disability in 2006-2008, ranging from mild disabilities such as speech and language impairments to serious developmental disabilities, such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy and autism. About 1 in 88 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The rate is increasing drastically every year every time they did the survey. According to CDC, prior to 1980, autistic disorder was thought to be rare, affecting approximately 1 in evey 2,000 children. Autism costs United States 137 billions per year, a three-fold increase in less than a decade.

About 1 in 10 children had asthma, the highest of all the groups. about 1 in 12 adults had asthma. The rates are growing every year. Asthma costs the United States about \$56 billions in medical costs, lost school and work days, and early deaths in 2007.

While CDC claims that they do not know why these statistics climb every year, it is a fact that they also require our children to take more and more vaccines. In 1980, the number of

vaccines is 7 for a two year old, possible injections at a single visit is 2. Now before kindergarten, a child may have over 50 doses of 14 vaccines, 26 doses in the first year, up to 12 in one single visit. According To Dr. Harold Buttram, "...in the case of toxic chemicals two compounds together may be 10 times more toxic than either separately, or 3 compounds 100 times more toxic." One should really examine the ingredients in a vaccines, which include mercury, aluminum and a whole hosts of other toxins.

On the other hand, according to two Merck scientists who files a False Claims Act complaint in 2010 - a complaint which has just now been unsealed - vaccine manufacturer Merck knowingly falsified its mumps vaccine test data, spiked blood samples with animal antibodies, sold a vaccine that actually promoted mumps and measles outbreaks, and ripped off governments and consumers who bought the vaccine think it was "95% effective".

Now we have these 2 scientists who come out and testify against this one vaccine. My question is: How many more whistleblowers will come out and testify against how many more vaccines?

I strongly oppose the Bill 1138. If you insist on giving our people some waterdown vaccines that have been shown to be costly and dangerous, I would ask that you at least allow the parents to say 'No' by allowing them to have exemption rights.

Sincerely,
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February 21, 2013

RE: Opposition to S.B. 1138 Relating to Vaccination Guidelines

Testimony from: Cheryl Toyofuku
Senate Bill 1138 Relating to Vaccination Guidelines
Committee: Health Committee (HLT)
Hearing Date: Friday, February 22, 2013
Hearing Time: 1:15 p.m.
Hearing Location: Room 229

Dear Senator Kim and Health Committee,

Thank you for your service to Hawaii as legislators. I am in opposition to S.B. 1138 that you introduced and I am requesting that you not pass this resolution out of the Health Committee. S.B. 1138 is requesting that the Department of Health be able to adopt, amend, or repeal rules of the immunization recommendations and have the authority to ensure that vaccinations required conform with current recognized standard medical practices. There is concern among many parents, health advocates and citizens in the State of Hawaii with the definition of "recognized standard medical practices".

It has been over 10 years since my introduction to a different perspective on vaccines. As a parent, grandparent and R.N. health advocate, I have been shocked, saddened and outraged to research what vaccines are doing in the bloodstream's and in the bodies of our children and ohana. In addition to vaccines causing death, brain damage, crippling diseases, neurological disorders and other physical problems, medical research cited in numerous journals and articles confirm that foreign genetic material from vaccines can actually cause mutations in human cells. These cellular mutations can lead to cancer and other auto-immune diseases in which the body loses the ability to distinguish between its own cells and material foreign to the body.

Since my introduction to the vaccine controversy, countless hours have been invested and my library is bulging with folders of research papers, DVDs, videos and testimonies regarding the vaccine issue. In the midst of all the conflicting information on the internet and other media, I passionately encourage parents to diligently research about the implications of vaccinations. It is very apparent that many parents and others remain ignorant and uneducated about what is going into the bodies of their precious children.

More vaccines have been added to the childhood immunization schedule and the body burden of some of the vaccine toxins are just too much. According to the literature from the health department and other organizations, 48 doses of 14 vaccines are given before age 6! The list of vaccine ingredients from many of these vaccines read like a toxic brew: from mercury, aluminum, phenol to formaldehyde, to animal viruses, to aborted fetal tissue. These toxic substances are given to our young ones allegedly to protect them from various diseases. Our children are the most highly vaccinated children in the world and they are among the most chronically ill and disabled. Today, the Centers for Disease Control admits that 1 child in 6 in America is developmentally delayed. The number of children with learning disabilities, ADHD, autism, asthma and diabetes has more than tripled.

A different perspective of health care is required to reform and transform our state's and country's medical system. Perhaps avoiding known toxins into our bodies, promoting a proper diet and lifestyle will nourish and strengthen our immune systems and enhance our natural immunity against disease. Many parents are becoming proactive and relentless in seeking independent research and opinions on their own. Now, with the help of internet and other resources, parents are now able to find research on vaccines and read it for themselves. Various parent groups and numerous organizations are providing education and resources to assist parents in their search for answers.

Today, we have a legislative resolution S.B. 1138 that is still giving a state department the authority *"to ensure that vaccinations required, and the manner and frequency of their administration, conform with current recognized standard medical practices"*. Many parents, grandparents, health advocates and community citizens are becoming aware of the ill effects of vaccines and do not agree with the

“standard medical practices”. Please ensure that vaccines will remain optional, as it should never be mandated. All parents should continue to be able to get a vaccination exemption on the Flu shot, the TB test and all vaccinations. This amendment should be stated in any legislative bill that is promoting vaccinations. As our state lawmakers, you are encouraged to diligently research the scientifically documented literature and testimonies before making informed decisions. Significant research linking vaccines to health disorders are numerous.

Please see attached:

[Vaccine Confusion Brochure](#) (from Vaccine Information Service)

[NVIC Vaccine Brochure](#) (from National Vaccine Information Center)

Here are some websites (among many) that will explain about the dangers and controversy on vaccines:

National Vaccine Information Center: www.nvic.org

Dr. Sherri Tenpenny: www.drtenpenny.com

Dr. Rebecca Carley: www.drcarley.com

Dr. Joseph Mercola: www.mercola.com

Vaccination Information Service: www.vaccination.inoz.com

Moms Against Mercury: www.momsagainstm Mercury.org

Ian's Voice: www.iansvoice.org

Generation Rescue: www.generationsrescue.org

Hallelujah Acres: www.hacres.com

List of ingredients for specific vaccinations: www.knowvaccines.com/vaccineingredients.htm

Thank you for your time and consideration on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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