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Testimony COMMENTING on HB 458, HD2
RELATING TO HEALTH

SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SENATOR JOSH GREEN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 18, 2015 Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** We appreciate the intent but defer to the Governor's Executive Budget
- 2 request for the Department of Health's appropriations and personnel priorities. An appropriation
- 3 for the Department is not included in this measure or in existing budget requests for the
- 4 development and printing of the educational materials. We estimate that the initial cost of the
- 5 development of printed and electronic educational materials will be approximately \$40,000.
- 6 Annual costs thereafter are estimated to be approximately \$15,000 per year.

- 7 **Department Testimony:** We support this measure and would be willing to collaborate with
- 8 DOE but require additional resources for the costs associated with implementation.
- 9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Date: 03/18/2015

Time: 01:15 PM

Location: 229

Committee: Senate Health Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0458, HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH.

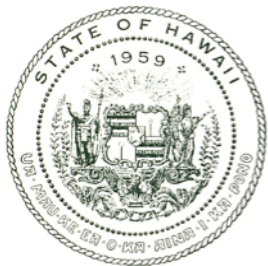
Purpose of Bill: Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, requires public schools to annually provide information about the human papillomavirus and other vaccines to parents and guardians of students entering grade 6. Requires the Department of Health to develop the information and produce materials and the Department of Education to disseminate the information. (HB458 HD2)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 458 HD2 and remains fully committed to working with other agencies and organizations to ensure families and youth learn about and maintain healthy lifestyles that support learning and achievement in school.

We appreciate the Department of Health's collaboration and partnership on this measure, and that of interested community stakeholders.

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March 18, 2015

To: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Education

Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Cathy Betts, Executive Director
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support, HB 458, HD2, Relating to Health

The Commission is in strong support of HB 458, HD2, which would require public schools to annually provide all incoming 6th grade students with information about the human papillomavirus (“HPV”) and the availability of vaccines.

The HPV vaccine is widely utilized, yet remains underutilized in Hawaii. We have an opportunity to prevent cervical cancer by ensuring students are provided with important health information. There is no cure for HPV and cervical cancer is the second leading cancer killer of women worldwide. Almost 70% of cervical cancer cases are linked to four strains of HPV that are protected through the two FDA approved vaccines on the market. Increased utilization of the HPV vaccine will assist in reducing our cervical cancer rates.

Further, under the Affordable Care Act, most private insurers cover the HPV vaccine with no out of pocket costs. Boundaries that previously prevented families from obtaining the vaccine have largely been eliminated. This means that the HPV vaccine is much more accessible and affordable. This bill doesn't require that young people receive the vaccine, it simply will allow the correct and medically accurate information about the vaccine to reach parents and guardians. We have the opportunity to share factual information about this vaccine with families in order to protect young people from cervical cancer. Please pass HB 458, HD2.

Thank you for your time.



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To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Education

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Health

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: HB 458 HD2 Relating to Health
Hearing: Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 1:15 p.m., Room 229

POSITION: Strong Support

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in strong support of HB 458 HD2 Relating to Health which would require public schools to annually provide information to parents on the human papilloma virus (HPV) and the availability of HPV vaccines to prevent cervical and other cancers and diseases. The materials and information would be produced by the Department of Health.

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls it is because of this mission that the Caucus strongly supports this measure.

HB 458 will help to increase HPV vaccine rates and lower cervical and other cancer rates by ensuring that parents and youth are given factual information from a trusted source about the vaccine. HPV vaccine is cancer prevention; it is safe and effective; and is a regular pre-teen vaccine.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends routine vaccinations for all youth between the ages of 11 and 12. Yet, too few adolescents in Hawaii are receiving HPV vaccines, which results in more cases of HPV and cervical and other cancers and diseases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HPV infects approximately 79 million people in the United States with 14 million new cases each year. HPV is so common that nearly all sexually-active men and women will get at least one type of HPV at some point in their lives. There is no cure for HPV, only treatment for related health problems.

Cervical cancer is the second leading cancer killer of women worldwide. In the United States, nearly 10,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and 3700 women die. Since almost 70% of cervical cancer cases are linked to four strains of HPV that are protected through the two FDA-approved

vaccines on the market, increased utilization of the HPV vaccine would greatly reduce our current cervical cancer rates. Currently, there are 26 million girls under 13 years of age in the United States.

In 2009, the state convened a working group to assess whether to require cervical cancer vaccinations for girls before they entered the 7th grade. The group did not recommend requiring the HPV vaccine for girls prior to 7th grade entry because of a number of barriers, since then, those barriers have been reduced or eliminated entirely. With the Affordable Care Act, most private health insurance plans cover the HPV vaccine with no out-of-pocket costs. Although at least 25 states have enacted legislation to either require, fund or educate the public about the HPV vaccine, Hawai'i is not one of them.

While this bill does not require youth to be vaccinated, it does at least ensure that parents receive factual information about HPV and the vaccines from a trusted source, our public schools and the Department of Health. Parents then are able to make an informed decision about their children's health,

We ask that the committee pass this measure and we thank the committee for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

To: Hawaii State Senate Committees on Education and Health
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 1:15 p.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.B. 458, HD2

Dear Chairs Kidani and Green and Members of the Committees on Education and Health,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (“PPHI”) writes in support of H.B. 458, HD2, which seeks to require public schools to annually provide all incoming 6th grade students with information about the availability of HPV and other vaccines to prevent cervical and other cancers and diseases.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is dedicated to providing Hawaii’s people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy and we see firsthand the effects of HPV and cervical cancer on our communities. PPHI’s goal is to prevent HPV infection and related cancers in Hawaii by increasing the number of young people who are vaccinated against HPV. H.B. 458 will help to increase HPV vaccine rates and lower cervical and other cancer rates by ensuring that parents and youth are given factual information from a trusted source about the vaccine.

The HPV vaccine is cancer prevention. It is a safe and effective regular pre-teen vaccine.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends routine vaccinations for all youth between the ages of 11 and 12 (a series of three shots over the course of six months). Yet, too few adolescents in Hawaii are receiving HPV vaccines, which results in more cases of HPV and cervical and other cancers and diseases. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HPV infects approximately 79 million people in the United States with 14 million new cases each year. HPV is so common that nearly all sexually-active men and women will get at least one type of HPV at some point in their lives. There is no cure for HPV, only treatment for related health problems.

Cervical cancer is the second leading cancer killer of women worldwide. In the United States, nearly 10,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and 3700 women die. Since almost 70% of cervical cancer cases are linked to four strains of HPV that are protected through the two FDA-approved vaccines on the market (Merck’s Gardasil and GlaxoSmithKline’s Cervarix), increased utilization of the HPV vaccine will greatly reduce our current cervical cancer rates.

Currently, there are 26 million girls under 13 years of age in the United States.

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168,400 will develop cervical cancer if none are vaccinated.
51,100 will die from cervical cancer if none are vaccinated.

In Hawaii, 55-64% of adolescent girls 13-17 years in Hawaii are covered with one or more doses of the HPV vaccine (National Center for Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases, Immunization Services Division, June 11, 2014). We can do better to protect their health.

In 2009, the state convened a working group to assess whether to require cervical cancer vaccinations for girls before they entered the 7th grade. The group did not recommend requiring the HPV vaccine for girls prior to 7th grade entry because of a number of barriers, including inconsistent health insurance coverage, the high cost of the vaccine, inequality of access to the vaccination and the substantial administrative burden that would be placed on school personnel. Since then, these barriers have been reduced or eliminated entirely. With the Affordable Care Act, most private health insurance plans cover the HPV vaccine with no out-of-pocket costs. Although at least 25 states have enacted legislation to either require, fund or educate the public about the HPV vaccine, Hawaii is not one of them.

While this bill does not require youth to be vaccinated, it does at least ensure that parents receive factual information about HPV and the vaccines from a trusted source, our public schools. Until all youth are regularly and routinely vaccinated, PPHI will continue to work with our community health partners to educate parents and youth, increase access to and utilization of the HPV vaccine and prevent the spread the HPV and related cancers and other diseases. Our youth rely on us to help protect them. Let's make sure we have the right information to keep our youth healthy and safe.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 458.

Sincerely,
Laurie Field
Director of Public Affairs & Government Relations



Date: March 17, 2015

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Education
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Hawaii Immunization Coalition

Subject: Testimony Relating to HB 458

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) supports the intent of HB 458 in requiring the Hawaii State Department of Education (HDOE), in collaboration with the Hawaii State Department of Health (HDOH), to provide information relating to human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to all students entering the 6th grade and their parents/guardians.

Hawaii Immunization Coalition understands the importance of educating parents and preteens regarding the prevention of cervical cancer through HPV vaccination. HIC is aware that cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer in women worldwide and that HPV vaccination is an effective method of protecting girls and young women against cervical cancer. One of the HPV vaccines also protects against genital warts and anal cancer in both females and males.

HIC agrees with the inclusion of information relating to all other vaccines for pre-teens recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) provided to parents/guardians of 6th graders entering school in Hawaii. Additional vaccines recommended by the ACIP include those for tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, meningococcal meningitis, and influenza.

According to 2013 National Immunization Survey, only 80.2% of Hawaii teens aged 13-17 years received their Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) vaccination, and 75.0% received a dose of MenACWY (meningococcal meningitis). In 2013, the coverage rate for Hawaii's teens with series completion of HPV vaccine was 70.3% for females and 47.2% for males. Hawaii's teen vaccination rates for tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, meningococcal meningitis and influenza are below the national average. Support is needed to improve the immunization rates for our teens in order to provide the protection they need.

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) is a state-wide, community-based non-profit 501(c)3 coalition of public and private organizations and concerned individuals whose mission is to promote effective strategies to ensure that all of Hawaii's families are appropriately vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony relating to HB 458. If there are further questions, please contact us through our President Maricel Abad at (808)383-4963.

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March 17, 2014

Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
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Senate Committee on Education
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol

**Re: H.B. 458, HD2 Relating to Health
Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 1:15 p.m., Room 229**

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

Hawai'i Women Lawyers submits this testimony in **strong support** of H.B. 458, HD2. This bill would require public schools to annually provide all incoming 6th grade students with information about human papillomavirus ("HPV") and the availability of HPV vaccines to prevent cervical and other cancers and diseases.

By ensuring that parents and youth are given factual information from a trusted source about the vaccine, H.B. 458, HD2 will increase the number of young people who are vaccinated against HPV, and will help to prevent HPV infection and related cancers in Hawai'i. Cervical cancer, which is closely linked to HPV, is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women worldwide. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HPV infects approximately 79 million people in the United States with 14 million new cases each year.

Due to federal health care reforms, the HPV vaccine is now covered under most private insurance plans. This bill promotes education about HPV by ensuring that parents receive factual information about HPV and the vaccines from our public schools. It does not require that the vaccine be given, but will ensure that accurate health information is given so that young women and their families can make educated choices.

Hawai'i Women Lawyers is committed to enhancing the status of women and providing equal opportunities for all of Hawai'i's people, and believes this measure will help to address an important public health need facing young women in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this bill.

Sincerely,

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YWCA of Kauai

March 13, 2015

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
And members of the Committee on Education

Senator Josh Green, Chair
And members of the Committee on Health

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 458 HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 458 HD2 Relating to Health.

HYSN supports the provision of information about all of the immunizations discussed in the bill, but will focus its testimony on the benefits of HPV vaccine information.

The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common of all sexually transmitted infections and persistent HPV infection can cause cervical cancer and genital warts. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are 6.2 million new HPV infections each year, and that over 20 million Americans are currently infected. The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) estimates that women ages 15-24 account for 74% of incident cases.

HPV is accepted as the virus responsible for virtually all cases of cervical cancer. Nationwide, the direct annual cost of HPV-related disease prevention and treatment was \$4.6 billion in 2005.

The introduction of the HPV vaccine broke new ground in public health as it is the first vaccine that can prevent certain cancers. The HPV vaccine has the potential to offer extra protection to low-income and minority women who are least likely to receive frequent screening.

This bill only requires education, not a mandate to provide the vaccine. Increasing education about this virus and its associated diseases through a careful public education campaign is imperative.

There is a long way to go in combating cancer, but this bill provides an exciting opportunity to affect women's health through informed education.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Jeremy White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB458. I have worked with youth and families for over two decades. During this time, I have worked with many youth (mostly girls) who have suffered from the effects of STDs, such as HPV. When I first began working as a Social Worker in 1995, there were no other options when counseling youth about protecting themselves from STDs, other than abstinence and using condoms. However, that is no longer the case. While abstinence is the only 100% fool-proof way to prevent STDs like HPV, it is not realistic to expect that all youth will abstain from sex. Some kids are going to engage in sex, regardless of the amount of messages they hear from adults encouraging abstinence. In light of this, it is irresponsible not to educate parents about HPV and the vaccine for HPV. This bill would require that we provide this education to parents and would give them the opportunity to decide for themselves whether or not to have their children vaccinated. It is a parent's right to choose whether or not to pursue vaccination for HPV for their children, but they first need to be armed with the information they need to make this decision. Unfortunately, not all parents are able to obtain this information on their own for various reasons (i.e. lack of education, language barriers, etc.). Their children deserve the same protections offered to parents who are able to get this information on their own and it is out duty to provide it. To intentionally deprive them of this information, is irresponsible and inhumane. I strongly urge you to pass this bill and to give parents the information they need to decide for themselves. It is our duty to protect our keiki and to provide the information parents need to make good choices for their children. Mahalo nui, Jeremy White, BSW

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joe kassel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators: If the information about these and other vaccines was unbiased objective information based on valid, objective research, I could support this legislation. Unfortunately our health care delivery system is broken and profit driven. This profit driven system has suppressed the dissemination of objective scientific findings regarding the risks associated with vaccination. Information provided about vaccines does not present valid descriptions of risks and benefits. Scientific objections to individual vaccines are not presented, although there are many researchers raising such concerns. In 1979, my paper written just prior to graduating from nursing school, was written in support of vaccination. One year later, my daughter had a significant negative reaction to vaccination. She did not receive further vaccines, I am convinced that she would not be the healthy vibrant young woman she is if we continued the series. In 1988 I graduated from Naturopathic Medical school. I still held on to the idea of selective vaccination with informed consent. I also have spent the past 25 years studying the science behind vaccination. I have come to believe that science is fundamentally flawed, and that the preparations contain a plethora of toxins including neurotoxins such as aluminum (please examine the work of Dr. Ayoub). I believe we should tinker with the remarkable delicately balanced intricacies of the immune response with more humility and objectivity. While the Supreme Court has confirmed the state's rights to mandate vaccination, I believe these decisions only represent the court's ignorance of immunology. Honestly, it is an ignorance that most health professionals share, since medical school education only includes a single survey course in immunology. Please take the time to listen to Dr. Suzanne Humphries, a Medical Doctor who has taken the time to delve into immunology and the evidence available on most individual vaccines. You may be surprised, not only by the depth of her knowledge, but also her conclusions. Mahalo and aloha Dr Joseph Kassel ND LAc

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clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HB 458 Requires schools to annually provide information on HPV, DTaP, flu and meningococcal vaccines. What information are you talking about? Are you informing them on the genuine risks and benefits of vaccines, giving them an opportunity to become educated or are you creating fear and pushing vaccines? I have worked at a DOE school as a kumu the past 13 years and the informed choice information given for the influenza vaccine in almost all schools amounts to almost nothing. Besides this the nasal influenza vaccine is given in the classrooms where running noses and sneezing (common to see) is inoculating the classroom, whether a parent chose to vaccinate or not, whether a sick child (who should not be receiving a vaccination) is exposed to the vaccine. I cannot even go near the classrooms that day and for days I literally do not breathe when I have to enter. (Thankfully I work in an outdoor classroom). I have deep concerns because my first child after her vaccine at 3 months of age had convulsions, seizures, high-pitched screams for a full day. I am blessed she made it; I held her and prayed all day. Trust me I became as fully informed as a makua could be. I am also a Traditional Midwife and I believe strongly in informed choice. My question to you as legislators is how educated are you on making a decision that deeply effects our 'ohana? Have you seen a child react badly to vaccines and almost die? Have you studied them? I would strongly suggest you to watch the movie "Bought" which is now coming out and also to become educated on the NVIC (National Vaccine Information Center). This center was created because of so many babies dying and children with permanent disabilities as a result of adverse reactions to vaccines. Highly trained medical community healthcare practitioners, lawyers and educated parents have created this site. Please take the time to read NVIC's "Reforming Vaccine Policy and Law" guide for answers to questions your legislators may have. The fully referenced version can be found on our site posted at: <http://www.nvic.org/Vaccine-Laws/state-vaccine-requirements/Reforming-Vaccine-Policy---Law-Guide.aspx> The flu vaccine effectiveness ranges from 0-62 percent effective. U.S. public health officials are making flu vaccine policy that gets turned into law.^{13 14} They are forcing Americans to buy and use a pharmaceutical product that fails to work as advertised time and again and can brain injure people, too.^{15 16 17} But we can't sue drug companies for vaccine failures, brain injuries and deaths in civil court.¹⁸ Many Americans are being fired from our jobs or denied an education, childcare and medical care if we refuse to salute smartly and get a flu shot every

year or give it to our children.19 20 21 22 • Children today receive 69 doses of vaccines for 16 different viral and bacterial illnesses which more than doubles the government childhood schedule of 34 doses of 11 different vaccines in the year 2000. A vaccine exemption is filed regardless of whether the exemption is filed for one dose or all doses. 35 doses and 5 more unique vaccines have been added to the schedule in the last 15 years. Those supporting forced vaccination are being dishonest by not acknowledging the exploding vaccine schedule while sounding alarms over small increases in overall non-medical exemptions. • There are hundreds of new vaccines in development including some of the following in clinical trials: HIV, herpes, E. coli, dengue fever, avian influenza, smallpox, tuberculosis, typhoid, norovirus, cholera, smoking cessation, syphilis, and gonorrhea. If vaccine manufactures and others who profit from forced vaccination convince legislators take away our right to delay or decline a vaccine now, what will our future look like? • In the past 5 years, drug makers have paid the U.S. Government \$19.2 billion in criminal and civil FRAUD penalties. Skepticism of the pharmaceutical industry is well deserved, and it doesn't imply a skepticism of science. For indept education (which you should have if you are on a committee making regulations concerning vaccines) please watch the movie "Bought".

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March 14, 2015

To: Chair Senator Joshua Green and Members of the Senate Committee on Health
Chair Senator Michelle Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education
From: Cheryl Toyofuku, Pearl City, HI
Re: Opposition to HB 458 Relating to Health
Human Papillomavirus; Health Information; Public Schools
Hearing: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 1:15 pm, Room 229

I strongly oppose HB 458. Medical information and counsel on human papillomavirus and cervical cancer is already disseminated widely by doctor's offices to parents and guardians of sixth grade children. Decisions to vaccinate or not to vaccinate against the virus are a private medical matter that does not need the involvement and promotion from the Department of Education.

Diligent research by many parents and organizations reveal that there is a lot of misinformation about the effectiveness of the HPV vaccines. In addition, adverse reactions of the HPV vaccine have harmed many young girls which the state cannot afford to be open to liability. Parents have become educated about this vaccine. They have looked at the science and weighed the risks versus the supposed benefits and many have made a choice not to get it for themselves or their children.

Gardasil's safety record is in serious question. As of Sept 28, 2010, the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System has more than 18,000 Gardasil-related adverse events listed, including at least 65 deaths. Here is information from the National Vaccine Information Center:
<http://www.nvic.org/Vaccines-and-Diseases/hpv.aspx>

- *After Gardasil was licensed and three doses recommended for 11-12 year old girls and young women, there were thousands of reports of sudden collapse with unconsciousness within 24 hours seizures; muscle pain and weakness; disabling fatigue; Guillain Barre Syndrome (GBS); facial paralysis; brain inflammation; rheumatoid arthritis; lupus; blood clots; optic neuritis; multiple sclerosis; strokes; heart and other serious health problems, including death, following receipt of Gardasil vaccine.*

As a vaccine for children, it doesn't make sense to vaccinate to try to prevent an infection that is cleared from your body without any negative effects within two years in most healthy persons, and is not transmitted in a school setting like other airborne diseases that are easily transmitted in crowded conditions. Gardasil is designed to prevent only two of at least 15 strains of HPV that can lead to cervical cancer in those who do not clear the virus from their body within two years and become chronically infected.

A brief glimpse into the research vault on the vaccine for HPV should deter the Department of Education from any involvement. Please do not pass HB 458 out of your committee so that our keiki can be protected from questionable vaccination into their young growing bodies.

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RE: STRONG SUPPORT OF HB458 HD2, Relating to Health

Hearing: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Conference Room 229

1:15pm

Dear Chair Kidani, Chair Green, and members of Senate Committees on Education and Health: My name is Cassandra Ozoa and I am a graduate student at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. I represent myself, in *strong support* of HB458 HD2 which requires public schools to provide information about the human papillomavirus (HPV) and other vaccines to parents and guardians of students entering the sixth grade, beginning the 2017-2018 school year. I am in strong support of this bill because I have been directly affected by HPV, running the risk of cervical cancer.

HPV raises important health concerns. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HPV causes genital warts in about 360,000 people while also causing cervical cancer in more than 11,000 women in the United States each year. Education is imperative because HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the US. Most people with HPV are not aware that they are infected and never develop symptoms or health problems until it's too late where cancer has already taken its course.

HPV has been the catalyst of the precancerous cells that have been found on my cervix. This has greatly affected my life as I have been told cancer often takes years to develop after contracting HPV and there presumably is no cure. According to the National Cancer Institute, there are two HPV vaccines that have been shown to prevent infection with the two types of HPV that cause most cervical cancers. Unfortunately, in my case, I was not able to obtain the vaccine prior to being infected, resulting in the diagnosis and biopsies that I have experienced. Early education about HPV and the existence of a vaccine as soon as it was made available in 2006 would have made a major impact on my life.

For this reason, education about HPV and the vaccine should be provided to the parents and guardians of students entering the sixth grade. I hope this information will be available to students as well. Raising awareness about this issue is of very importance to me. As an aspiring social worker, I feel that it is an individual's right to know what is going on with their body and ways that they are able to counteract any mishaps, especially in extreme cases of cancer. If I could change one thing that would have altered what I have experienced, it would have been more education in my intermediate or high school about HPV, how you contract it, the risk of cancer, the importance of screening, and most importantly the availability of a vaccine. Empowering each individual, most especially young girls to have control over their lives in having this accessibility to information is necessary to my purpose as a social worker.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of HB458 HD2.

Sincerely,



Kassandra Ozoa

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Susan Duffy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose. Medical information and counsel on HPV and cervical cancer is already being given to parents and guardians at doctors' offices. This is a private medical matter that does not require involvement by the DOE.

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To: **Senator Michelle N. Kidani**, Chair; and **Senator Josh Green**, Chair;
and
Members of the **Senate Committees on Education and Health**

From: **Dr. Susan J. Wurtzburg**
Policy Chair, **American Association of University Women – Hawaii**

Re. **Testimony in Support, HB 458 HD1, Relating to Health (specifically, the HPV Vaccine and Public Schools)**

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 458 HD2, requiring that public schools provide information about the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine and several other vaccinations to parents and guardians of incoming grade 6 students. My testimony is on behalf of the approximately 400 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Hawai'i, who list choice and women's reproductive health as an important current concern.

Vaccinations are key components of public health, and this hearing is especially timely given the measles outbreak and consequent public attention to herd immunity and parental misinformation about vaccinations. Provision of the HPV and other vaccines save lives, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) remind us that "HPV is the most common sexually transmitted virus in the United States. Almost every sexually active person will acquire HPV at some point in their lives." Given the inevitability of this process, and the risk that HPV may lead to cervical cancer for women (with 11,000 women diagnosed with cervical cancer annually, according to the CDC), it makes sense to provide accurate, medically informed education about this vaccination. According to the CDC, HPV vaccines "are safe, effective, and offer lasting protection against most cancers caused by HPV infection." It is also logical to include the full complement of childhood vaccinations in this bill. Indeed passage of this bill is essential for a responsive and responsible public health program for school age children.

This bill is especially important for the dissemination of information about HPV and this vaccination since without legal encouragement to provide information about this particular vaccine, public schools are less likely to incorporate the information in their health messages to students' caregivers. The Department of Education needs to provide medically accurate information to parents, rather than act as a

gatekeeper. Withholding information results in unnecessary deaths when these youngsters reach adulthood.

I would also like to see this information made available to students, in addition to their parents or guardians. Students age into adults who make their own health decisions, and it is provident to incorporate medically-accurate vaccine information in the education provided to this cohort, so they can mature into adults who look after their own children prudently, and also so they can rectify their own vaccination record as adults, if their parents proved unresponsive.

The HPV vaccine has been available since 2006, and Hawaiian vaccination rates are low. Please move HB 458 HD1 forward, with the goal of educating youth's caregivers, increasing HPV vaccination rates, and ultimately reducing cancer deaths in particular, and with the broader aim of increasing all childhood vaccination rates.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.