

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1302

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 156

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 156 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO UPDATE  
STANDARDS OF VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Health to adopt and implement administrative rules  
to update standards of vaccinations for children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii and Hawai'i  
Pacific Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure  
from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that immunizations are one of the most  
cost-effective public health interventions and a vital component  
of the human right to health care. Your Committee further finds  
that it is important for the State to have consistent and  
publicized immunization standards to ensure that all children and  
families are informed about the most appropriate vaccinations that  
should be administered to promote optimum public health.

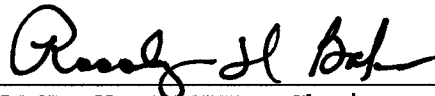
Your Committee additionally finds that no updates to the  
State's vaccination standards have occurred despite the  
Legislature's passage of Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013,



authorizing the Department of Health to adopt, amend, or repeal rules to establish a list of specified vaccines and the immunization recommendations of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Your Committee received testimony from the Department of Health indicating that the Department has been attempting to update the administrative rules related to vaccinations for the last ten years but has had difficulty securing stakeholder consensus and cooperation from outside agencies, as well as ensuring alignment with existing statutory requirements. Your Committee recognizes the challenges faced by the Department but wants to continue all efforts possible to ensure the completion of the process to adopt and implement administrative rules under chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to update the State's vaccination standards for children.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 156 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



