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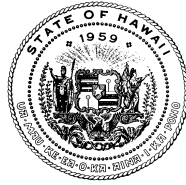
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Testimony COMMENTING on SCR 156
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: March 28, 2017 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Adoption and implementation of administrative rules to update the
2 standards of vaccination for children will help ensure immunization coverage in the State against
3 a broad spectrum of vaccine preventable diseases, thereby reducing the economic burden from
4 primary and secondary medical costs. The resulting immunization coverage should in turn
5 reduce the potential occurrence or scope of disease outbreaks/epidemics secondary to vaccine
6 preventable diseases and their associated overall morbidity as well as financial and manpower
7 burdens required to address them.

8 **Department Testimony:** The Department shares your concern and agrees the updates to
9 administrative rules regarding vaccinations standards for children are long overdue. For the last
10 10 years, the Department of Health (DOH) has worked with numerous partner organizations to
11 revise and update Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 157, "Examination and
12 Immunization," which detail the pediatric, child care center, compulsory school, and post-
13 secondary school examination and immunization requirements in the State of Hawaii. This
14 process has been extraordinarily long and arduous as repeatedly securing the stakeholder
15 consensus and cooperation from outside agencies as well as assuring alignment with Hawaii

1 statutory requirements necessary for successful adoption and implementation of updated rules has
2 required years of careful, continual work. The Department is now poised to proceed with the
3 final steps of the Administrative Rules adoption and approval process. Once these revised rules
4 are adopted, thanks to the provisions of Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, any future
5 updates will be able to be adopted in an expedited manner.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this important issue.

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