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**Testimony COMMENTING on SCR 157 SD 1  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOLS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF  
RECOMMENDED VACCINES FOR ADOLESCENTS, INCLUDING  
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: April 13, 2017

Room Number: 329

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None to the Department of Health.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** DOH appreciates the intent of this measure and emphatically agrees
- 3 with the importance of meningococcal vaccination among school and college students in
- 4 accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
- 5 (ACIP). DOH appreciates the legislature incorporating the Department's request to assure
- 6 students and parents are informed about the importance of all vaccinations, including but not
- 7 limited to meningococcal disease. DOH is willing and continues to collaborate with the
- 8 Department of Education, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, the University of Hawaii,
- 9 and other secondary and post-secondary educational institutions, to assure our students and
- 10 parents are informed about the importance of all vaccinations recommended for adolescents,
- 11 including but not limited to meningococcal disease. Such information will be included in any
- 12 educational materials and campaigns intended for students and parents statewide. According to
- 13 ACIP, children between ages 11 and 12 years should also receive two additional vaccines:
- 14 human papillomavirus (HPV) and tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap), as well as an
- 15 annual influenza vaccine. Rather than focusing exclusively on meningococcal vaccines, an
- 16 approach that includes the promotion of all preteen and adolescent vaccinations is consistent
- 17 with current medical practice and national recommendations by ACIP, the American Academy
- 18 of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

1 The promotion of information regarding meningococcal disease and other vaccine-preventable  
2 diseases has been a priority of DOH. DOH has coordinated several campaigns and educational  
3 courses with partners to promote meningococcal and other vaccinations—for example, the  
4 Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Course on January 10 and 11,  
5 2017, in which CDC experts discussed various vaccine preventable diseases, including  
6 meningococcal disease and vaccines.

7 The Department looks forward to continuing to work with Department of Education, Hawaii  
8 Association of Independent Schools, the University of Hawaii, and other partners in education to  
9 provide information and recommendations promoting the awareness of vaccines in the  
10 prevention of disease.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Health  
April 13, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

By

Risa E. Dickson, Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy  
University of Hawai'i System

SCR 157 SD1 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES TO PREVENT IT

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SCR 157 SD1 and will cooperate with the Department of Health to promote awareness of meningococcal disease and preventive vaccines among students.

The University recognizes that this is especially important for college students who live in residence halls, and, as an example of information provided to students, the University of Hawai'i Mānoa health clearance form sent to all entering students advises:

"The Meningococcal vaccine is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for college students, especially students who intend to live in the resident halls, as there is an increased risk of this highly contagious disease in the campus population. The newly available serogroup B Meningococcal vaccination should also be considered; please discuss with your health care provider."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**LATE**

KATHRYN S. MATAYOSHI  
SUPERINTENDENT

**Date:** 04/13/2017  
**Time:** 10:30 AM  
**Location:** 329  
**Committee:** House Health  
House Human Services

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** SCR 157, SD1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF RECOMMENDED VACCINES FOR ADOLESCENTS, INCLUDING MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.

**Purpose of  
Resolution:**

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 157 SD1. The Department will collaborate with the Department of Health to promote awareness of meningococcal disease and vaccine availability to parents/legal guardians and students.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 157 SD1.



Testimony of  
Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC)

Before:  
Committee on Health  
Representative Della Au Belatti  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi

April 13, 2017  
10:30 am  
Room 329

**Re: SCR157 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES TO PREVENT IT**

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and committee members,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR157.

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) **supports SCR157 with amendments**. HIC appreciates the intent of this resolution, especially regarding the importance of meningococcal vaccination among school and college students in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

According to ACIP, children between ages 11 and 12 years should also receive two additional vaccines in addition to meningococcal vaccine: human papillomavirus (HPV) and tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap), as well as an annual influenza vaccine. To increase the opportunity to reduce vaccine preventable diseases among students in Hawaii, ***HIC strongly recommends that in addition to meningococcal disease and vaccines, information on all vaccinations recommended for adolescents should be included in any educational materials and campaigns intended for students and parents statewide.*** T

The promotion of all preteen and adolescent vaccinations is consistent with current medical standards of care and national recommendations by ACIP, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Timely and updated information on vaccinations for students will protect children who are most vulnerable to vaccine preventable diseases:

- More than 732,000 American lives were saved by childhood vaccination in the past 20 years.
- School health requirements for attendance/registration that include vaccination are a valuable strategy for keeping our schools safe for children who **can** get vaccinated and for those who **cannot** because of medical reasons.
- School immunization regulations rely on **herd immunity** – that at least 93% of the school population is vaccinated - to protect students.

HIC has had a longstanding collaboration with Department of Health (DOH) for many years, and we know that it has the experience and commitment to collaborate with stakeholders—including the Department of Education, Hawaii, the Association of Independent Schools, the University of Hawaii, and other partners in education—to provide information and recommendations promoting the awareness of vaccines in the prevention of disease for our students and parents in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) is a statewide, community-based 501C (3) non-profit organization working to ensure all of Hawaii's families are appropriately vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases

[www.immunizehawaii.org](http://www.immunizehawaii.org) Tax ID #20-2164266

By approving this resolution, we can ensure the most current information on all recommended vaccines are available to protect students in Hawaii from vaccine-preventable diseases

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. Focus: Immunizations across the lifespan. The coalition has been active in Hawaii since 1979 and has more than four hundred immunization supporters.

**We respectfully request that SCR157 be supported and passed with the amendments noted above.**

Mahalo for your consideration.

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**SCR157**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

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Kaulana Dameg	Individual	Support	No

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**LATE**

April 12, 2017

To: Representative Della Belatti, Chair of House Health Committee and members of the House Health Committee

From: Cheryl Toyofuku, Pearl City, HI [hjhcnt@gmail.com](mailto:hjhcnt@gmail.com)

Re: Opposition to SCR 156 and SCR 157

Hearing: Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in State Capitol Room 329

Please oppose SCR 156 and SCR 157, resolutions **that promote more vaccines and questionable vaccine policies**. Over the years, Hawaii legislative measures have NOT been protecting our keiki and ohana from increasing amounts of vaccines being given and eventually mandated. This is not adequate health care for our children and families. There have been **escalating concerns about the safety and effectiveness of vaccinations**, coupled with horrendous side effects and adverse reactions that should cause our lawmakers to do a diligent research on vaccine policies. There are more fraudulent exposures, investigations and whistle-blowing at the CDC (and its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices), the agency with often questionable vaccine research studies and that recommends the vaccine policies and vaccine schedule.

**You are encouraged to do in-depth research** into vaccine toxic ingredients, profit-driven agendas to mandate vaccines, VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System), lack of vaccine long-term safety research in combination vaccines, health risks and harm, etc. There are numerous books, dvds, literature, websites to assist with your research. Here is one comprehensive website that provides scientific research validation articles, physician and parent testimonials, links to documentaries, etc.: <https://www.learntherisk.org/>

**Why Are American Children So Sick?:** *"If so many children are experiencing health problems, something we are doing throughout the country must be affecting the younger population. It is my belief that an increase in childhood vaccinations is the culprit."*

[http://newsletters.newsmax.com/brownstein/issues/children0317/0317\\_Brownstein.pdf](http://newsletters.newsmax.com/brownstein/issues/children0317/0317_Brownstein.pdf)

## **Is Vaccine Injury One in a Million?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6y09WNx4njY&t=4s>

## **CDC & FDA Lied About Vaccine Safety**

**February 4, 2017**

<http://www.libertyheadlines.com/cdc-fda-lied-vaccine-safety/?AID=7236>

## **The Truth About Vaccines**

<https://go.thetruthaboutvaccines.com/>

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dawn Poiani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dawn Poiani Honolulu, HI 96813 Oppose This is a bill to promote the MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE. Focusing on one disease appears to me like a lot of vaccine maker lobbying happened here. Focusing on one disease appears to be placing favor for whatever new vaccine is being added to the vaccine schedule hence the introduction of bill SCR 15. Although public interest is always in mind, allowing a bill that supports heavy lobbying for single new vaccines is not a good idea. This vaccine added to the schedule has not been tested for its synergistic effect on the vaccine schedule it's self only for its individual safety.

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