

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1950, H.D. 2, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF  
PHARMACY.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on H.B. 1950, H.D. 2. While the Board appreciates the intent of this bill, it does have concerns.

The measure amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to expand the scope of services and specific medications that pharmacists may furnish.

The Board's concerns are as follows:

- On page 3, lines 11-12, definition of "furnish" or "furnishing," and on page 6, lines 14-21, "furnishing" an opioid antagonist, epinephrine auto injector, hormonal contraception, travel medications, and tobacco cessation nicotine replacement therapy. These drugs are considered "prescription" drugs that require a "valid" prescription issued by a prescriber with legal authority to prescribe drugs under his/her scope of practice. Pharmacists are prohibited from dispensing a prescription drug without a valid prescription. Currently, pharmacists are authorized to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraception. However, if the intent of this section is to allow pharmacists to "prescribe and dispense" these additional drugs, then the bill should be amended for clarification.
- Page 7, lines 9-10 refers to standing orders. "Standing orders" is not defined, so it is not clear as to what a "standing order" is or what should be included.

If the Legislature intends to allow pharmacists the ability to provide direct access for patients to resolve public health issues with minimum impact to the overall health system, the Board would support the establishment of a working group that includes: (1) the Chair of the Board of Pharmacy to convene the working group; (2) a representative from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association; (3) a representative from the Department of Health, Communicable Disease and Public Health Nursing Division; and (4) a representative from the Daniel K. Inouye, College of Pharmacy. These individuals would add a valued perspective to the working group with regard to the current pharmacy practice act, industry practice, public health issues, and pharmacist education.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.B. 1950, H.D. 2.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
February 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

By  
Carolyn Ma, PharmD, BCOP  
DEAN  
UH Hilo - Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

### HB 1950 HD2 – RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee:

My name is Carolyn Ma, and I am a registered pharmacist and the Dean for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I am submitting testimony as Interim Chancellor Sakai's UH Hilo designee. UH Hilo fully supports this bill and the amendments to have a working group to help expand certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

Pharmacists are considered the drug therapy experts among health care professions. Training of pharmacists includes foundational sciences (2-4 years) with advanced professional years of study (4 years) that include extensive training in pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, disease pathophysiology, and drug therapeutics. In relation to HB 1950 HD2, the DKICP curriculum certifies, via the American Pharmacists Association (APHA), training in immunization administration (first year) and smoking cessation (2<sup>nd</sup> year). Students are expected to apply these skills in their experiential rotation courses throughout the rest of their training and also in numerous community health screening events. Courses in toxicology, pain management, opioid abuse syndrome, contraception, reproductive pharmacology and women's health, and pediatrics are taught in the 3<sup>rd</sup> professional year. Education provided throughout the four year professional curriculum also focuses on medication assessment and therapeutic recommendations via related laboratory tests and subjective/objective findings related to disease and drug therapy. All U.S. accredited (ACPE) colleges of pharmacy offer similar curriculums.

Successful completion of the curriculum results awarding of the terminal degree, the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and hence eligibility to sit for the national pharmacy licensing exam (NABPLEX). Successful passing score of the NABPLEX allows an individual to practice as a Registered Pharmacist (RPh), a profession that is regulated by the Dept. of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) through a state Board of Pharmacy.

In addition, many pharmacy school graduates will continue on to post-graduate residency programs for further clinical training in general pharmacy practice as well as in specialty areas that include but are not limited to ambulatory care, community pharmacy, oncology, nutrition, nuclear medicine, psychiatry and mental health, and critical care medicine. Specialty practice pharmacists may also be board certified by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, an autonomous division of the APHA. This extensive education fully supports the additions outlined in the bill in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) 461 and allows for pharmacists to practice more fully to their education and training.

Pharmacists are the most accessible community health care professionals and work with health care colleagues in a number of different practice areas such as in acute care hospitals, ambulatory care clinics and long term care facilities. Health care colleagues such as physicians, nurses, psychologists, naturopaths, dieticians, and public health professionals rely on pharmacists as a vital source of drug therapy expertise and as partners in providing safe, effective and cost efficient drug therapy management for best practice patient care.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HB 1950 HD2.



February 20, 2018

To: The Honorable Roy Takumi  
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama  
Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee

Re: **Strong Support for HB1950 HD2**

Hrg: February 21, 2018 at 2pm at Capitol Room 329

The Hawaii Public Health Association is a group of over 600 community members, public health professionals and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

HPHA strongly supports HB1950 HD2 and recommends a revision of language to allow pharmacists to provide all recommended vaccines to adolescents 11-17 years of age. Currently, pharmacists can administer all recommended vaccines to adolescents 14-17 years of age and only human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap), meningococcal, and influenza vaccines to adolescents 11-14 years of age. By allowing pharmacists to administer all recommended vaccines, including measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), varicella, and hepatitis A vaccines, to persons 11-14, will improve the public's access to vaccines, thus increasing vaccination rates and in turn decreasing disease outbreaks.

HPHA supports pharmacists being able to administer vaccinations. Their ability to do so increases accessibility of vaccines to adolescents and adults.

Rationale for support of pharmacists providing vaccinations –

- To vaccinate, pharmacists face a rigorous curriculum and certification process.
- Pharmacists are trained to provide immunizations orally, by injection or by intranasal delivery.
- Pharmacy locations are ideal, especially in our rural communities; they provide increased access to vaccinations because of convenient evening and weekend times and flexible walk-in periods.
- Pharmacies can increase vaccination uptake in Hawaii.

HPHA supports expansion of immunization delivery to improve the overall health of persons in Hawaii and to reduce the incidence of infectious diseases through vaccination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on important health issues affecting people in Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Holly Kessler'.

Holly Kessler, Executive Director  
Hawai'i Public Health Association

**HB-1950-HD-2**

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Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick Uyemoto	Hawaii Pharmacists Association	Support	Yes

Comments:

**HB 1950 HD2 – RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY**

To the Honorable: Rep. Roy M. Takumi (Chair), Rep. Linda Ichiyama (Vice Chair), and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

The Hawaii Pharmacists Association strongly supports HB 1950 HD2 with recommendations. This bill will amend the definition of “practice of pharmacy” to expand the scope of services and specific medications that pharmacists may furnish and establishes a working group to review the scope of practice of pharmacists and continuing competency requirements for pharmacists.

The United States spends more on healthcare than any other economically comparable country, yet sees a consistently mediocre return on this investment. An issue that hits closer to home is the doctor shortage here in Hawaii. The latest estimates show that the shortage has grown to about 800 with primary care providers being the largest group in short supply. I hope we all realize that these two facts alone are the beginning of a very slippery slope. Not utilizing our healthcare dollars effectively and more and more people not receiving the healthcare services they need is going to result in sicker people and even higher healthcare spending.

If there is one message we want you to hear it is this: LET PHARMACISTS HELP! We are not here to encroach on primary care providers and we are not trying to replace them. We want to help primary care providers, we want to compliment their services, and hopefully by working together we can start to fill the gaps in our healthcare system. Pharmacists are highly trained medical professionals and hold the reputation of being the most accessible community healthcare providers. Currently, the services we can provide are limited by pharmacy laws that are due for an updated. HB 1950 HD2 will move us one step closer to practicing at the top of our degree and by doing so we will be able to decrease healthcare spending and increase the quality of life in our communities.

Lastly, we support the idea of a working group to review the scope of practice of pharmacists and continuing competency requirements for pharmacist. Our only

recommendation is to allow our regulating body, the Board of Pharmacy, to establish and convene the working group and for the group to include:

- The Chair of the Board of Pharmacy
- A representative from a local health insurance industry
- A representative from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association
- A representative from the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
- A representative from the Department of Health
- A representative from hospital pharmacy
- A representative from retail/community pharmacy

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1950 HD2.



Testimony of  
Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC)

Before:  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Representative Takumi, Chair  
Representative Ichiyama, Vice Chair

February 21, 2018  
2:00 pm  
Conference Room 329

**Re: HB1950 HD2 Relating to Health**

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB1950 HD2.

The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) **supports this bill** and strongly supports pharmacists administration of vaccines to persons 11 through 17 years of age. There are many reasons for support of this bill from parents, public health officials and pharmacies:

- **Convenience to parents** who bring their children into pharmacies for vaccination. This helps parents because of the better accessibility on evenings and weekends. Parents don't need to take off time from work and children don't need to be taken out of school.
- **Pharmacists are well-trained** to administer vaccines in the pharmacy setting. Training includes:
  - Programs approved by the ACPE (Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education)
  - Curriculum-based programs from an ACPE-accredited College of pharmacy
  - Programs recognized by the ACPE Board
- **Increasing access to vaccines** to maintain and increase levels of vaccination coverage. Strengthening vaccination levels will reduce disease outbreaks. Recent outbreaks of hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawaii and on the mainland were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawaii, access to pharmacies continues to play a major role in ensuring that many people are protected in a timely manner. HIC supports pharmacists being able to administer vaccinations. Their ability to do so increases accessibility of vaccines to adolescents and adults.
- **Expansion of immunization delivery** to improve the overall health of persons in Hawaii and to reduce the incidence of infectious diseases through vaccination is critical for better health outcomes.

Currently, pharmacists can administer all ACIP recommended vaccines to adolescents 14-17 years of age and only human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap), meningococcal, and influenza vaccines to adolescents 11-14 years of age. **HIC recommends an amendment to this bill that will allow pharmacists to administer all recommended vaccines**, including measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), varicella, and hepatitis A vaccines, **to persons 11-14 years of age**.

The bill establishes a working group on pharmacy licensing within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to review the scope of practice of pharmacists and continuing competency requirements for pharmacists as they relate to Hawaii's licensing and regulatory laws for pharmacists. HIC supports establishing this working group and suggests that a Public Health representative be added to the composition of the group.

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

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HIC also supports updating the definition of “practice of pharmacy” to include providing opioid antagonists (e.g. naloxone) to prevent deaths from drug overdose. In these challenging times of thousands of opioid overdoses every day, this expansion of the role of pharmacists is a positive public health measure.

HIC is a statewide, 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 Hawaii’s families are appropriately vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases. Focus: Immunizations across the lifespan. The coalition has been active in Hawaii since the early 1980’s and has more than four hundred immunization supporters.

Thank you for your consideration.



**SanHi**

GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES  
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 20, 2018

TO: Representative Roy Takumi  
Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
*Submitted Via Capitol Website*

RE: **H.B. 1950, H.D.2 Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy**  
**Hearing: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room: 329**

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Dear Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates stores at more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawaii, Walgreens now has 20 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii.

Walgreens **supports** H.B. 1950 H.D.2, which expands the definition of “practice of pharmacy” to include furnishing life-saving medications such as Naloxone and Epi-pens, furnishing hormonal contraception and smoking cessation therapies, administering immunizations for bacterial and viral infections like the flu, pneumonia and hepatitis A pursuant to protocol, and ordering and performing laboratory tests to determine appropriate medication uses and outcomes.

Walgreens believes that pharmacists should be permitted to practice at the top of their training. In Hawaii, registered pharmacists now undergo a six-year doctorate program that includes education assessment training and a one-year pharmacy internship. Pharmacists today routinely provide direct patient care based on scope of practice regulations and deliver care beyond the traditional practice of dispensing prescription medications. In addition to dispensing medications, pharmacists now provide additional services such as immunizations, wellness screenings, routine laboratory tests, and routine drug therapy-related patient assessment procedures. Pharmacists also are often the last point of contact a patient has with a medical professional, especially for those with chronic conditions requiring complex medication therapies. Pharmacists already are highly trained to provide these services, and this bill would align Hawaii’s pharmacy laws with the current practice of pharmacy.

We would also note that the H.D.2 version of the bill added a working group to review the scope of practice of pharmacists and continuing competency requirements for pharmacists. We support the creation of a working group and believe that additional discussion will help make it clear that pharmacists’ scope of practice should be expanded. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this measure.

**HB-1950-HD-2**

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Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Heather Lusk	The CHOW Project	Support	No

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB1950 HD1.

As a concerned resident of Hawaii and parent, I support this bill and strongly support pharmacists administration of vaccines to persons 11 through 17 years of age. There are many reasons for support of this bill from parents, public health officials and pharmacies:

- Convenience to parents who bring their children into pharmacies for vaccination. This helps parents because of the better accessibility on evenings and weekends. Parents don't need to take off time from work and children don't need to be taken out of school.
- Pharmacists are well-trained to administer vaccines in the pharmacy setting.
- Increasing access to vaccines to maintain and increase levels of vaccination coverage. Strengthening vaccination levels will reduce disease outbreaks. Recent outbreaks of hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawaii and on the mainland were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawaii, access to pharmacies continues to play a major role in ensuring that many people are protected in a timely manner. HIC supports pharmacists being able to administer vaccinations. Their ability to do so increases accessibility of vaccines to adolescents and adults.
- Expansion of immunization delivery to improve the overall health of persons in Hawaii and to reduce the incidence of infectious diseases through vaccination is critical for better health outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration.

**HB-1950-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 7:23:39 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

this is a very important service to our community--I am a nurse practitioner and my patients and family members rely upon vaccine access in Pharmacies across our state. They are much more efficient and accessible than our health care facilities. Mahalo for supporting!

**HB-1950-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/16/2018 4:35:25 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1950-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/17/2018 2:20:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gail Ogawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a resident of Honolulu and a mother of 3 children, I support HB1950 HD2, relating to the practice of pharmacy. The ability of pharmacists to administer vaccines to children 11-17 years of age helps to maintain high immunization coverage levels in preteens and adolescents in Hawaii, which in turn protects our families, schools and communities. I have had both of my adolescent children vaccinated at our neighborhood pharmacy. It was convenient (close to home), did not require me to leave work or them to miss school/activities (evening and weekend hours), and was free (vaccinations were covered by our health insurance policy). The process was safe. The pharmacists had me complete screening questionnaires to identify possible contraindications prior to administering the vaccine. They also provided me with the Vaccine Information Statements so I was aware of possible side effects of the vaccine. They administered the vaccines competently and were knowledgeable about the vaccines and their administration. Finally, they provided me with a copy of the information for my records. I feel that it is important to ensure that pharmacists continue to be able to administer vaccines to preteens and adolescents, which is why I support HB1950 HD2. Thank you.

**HB-1950-HD-2**

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Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Kawakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**The Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC) supports this bill and recommends a revision of language to allow pharmacists to provide *all* recommended vaccines to adolescents 11-17 years of age. Currently, pharmacists can administer all recommended vaccines to adolescents 14-17 years of age and only human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap), meningococcal, and influenza vaccines to adolescents 11-14 years of age. By allowing pharmacists to administer all recommended vaccines, including measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), varicella, and hepatitis A vaccines, to**

# **persons 11-14, we will improve the public's access to vaccines, thus increasing vaccination rates and in turn decreasing disease outbreaks.**

HIC supports updating the definition of “practice of pharmacy” to include providing opioid antagonists (e.g. naloxone) to prevent deaths from drug overdose. In these challenging times of thousands of opioid overdoses every day, this expansion of the role of pharmacists is a positive public health measure.

HIC supports pharmacists being able to administer vaccinations. Their ability to do so increases accessibility of vaccines to adolescents and adults. The Hawaii Immunization Coalition is pleased to see immunizations included in their scope of practice. Recent outbreaks of hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawaii and on the mainland were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawaii, access to pharmacies played a major role in ensuring that many people were protected in a timely manner.

Rationale for support of pharmacists providing vaccinations –

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- Pharmacists are trained to provide immunizations orally, by injection or by intranasal delivery.
- Pharmacy locations are ideal, especially in our rural communities; they provide increased access to vaccinations because of convenient evening and weekend times and flexible walk-in periods.
- Pharmacies can increase vaccination uptake in Hawaii.

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vaccine-preventable diseases. Focus: Immunizations across the lifespan. The coalition has been active in Hawaii since the early 1980's and has more than four hundred immunization supporters.

Thank you for your consideration.

**HB-1950-HD-2**

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Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ron Okamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1950 HD2

Rather than "furnish", replace with "prescribe and dispense". Note Act 067 of 2017 has authorized pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive supplies. Strongly support the establishment of the work group to resolve "furnish" definition as well as expand the categories of drugs and conditions that authorize Pharmacist to prescribe and dispense.

February 19, 2018

**To:** Representative Roy Takumi (Chair of House Consumer Protection Committee) and Committee members  
**From:** Cheryl Toyofuku, Pearl City, HI  
**Re:** Opposition to HB 1950 - Amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to expand the scope of services and specific medications that pharmacists may furnish.  
**Hearing:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 329

I am a mother, grandmother, registered nurse and health advocate and I strongly oppose HB 1950 HD2. The busy pharmacy retail setting is not adequate to safely provide the health care services for invasive medical interventions such as vaccinations.

The decision to vaccinate or NOT to vaccinate should be a medical matter requiring adequate informed consent, accurate education on the vaccine ingredients, safety and efficacy, benefit & risk information, adverse reactions, counseling and follow-up. A thorough assessment of family and personal health history is required before administering vaccination.

- The busy retail setting of many pharmacies will not provide the care and attention during and after vaccine administration compared to a medical office or clinic and without appropriate personnel and equipment to monitor any subsequent vaccine emergency. Busy chains, like CVS can fill several hundreds of prescriptions daily, with potential vaccine administration errors endangering the health of a child, simply for the sake of convenience. This is not quality health care to any of our keiki.
- For example, in the package insert of the HPV-9 vaccine, the manufacturer acknowledges the most common and immediate side effects following the administration of an HPV vaccine: *"Because vaccines may develop syncope, sometimes resulting in falling with injury, observation for 15 minutes after administration is recommended. Syncope, sometimes associated with tonic-clonic movements and other seizure-like activity, has been reported following HPV vaccination. When syncope is associated with tonic-clonic movements, the activity is usually transient and typically responds to restoring cerebral perfusion by maintaining a supine or Trendelenberg position."* This can cause chaos, liability issues and a potential for a child's life-time of disability.
- After Gardasil (HPV vaccine) 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. Using the MedAlerts search engine, as of October 31, 2017, there have been more than [55,239](#) reports of HPV vaccine reactions, hospitalizations, injuries and deaths following HPV vaccinations made to the federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), including [397](#) related deaths, [4,949](#) hospitalizations, and [2,397](#) related disabilities. Over [35%](#) of those serious HPV vaccine-related adverse events occurred in children and teens 12-17 years of age.  
<http://www.nvic.org/Vaccines-and-Diseases/HPV.aspx>
- The vaccination schedule for our keiki has increased tremendously and vaccine injuries are also increasing because of the lack of studies on the safety and effectiveness on combination vaccines and the cumulative effects of vaccines. Vaccine doses have increased from 5 doses in 1962 to 72 doses in 2016: [https://www.learntherisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Doses\\_v2.pdf](https://www.learntherisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Doses_v2.pdf)
- Will the pharmacist have the time to share the following as he/she services a customer/patient? Ingredients of vaccinations & providing the product insert for each vaccination or vaccine combination: [https://www.learntherisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/LTR\\_VaccineIngredients\\_White1.pdf](https://www.learntherisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/LTR_VaccineIngredients_White1.pdf)

Please **DO NOT pass HB 1950** out of your committee and **protect our keiki** from these questionable vaccinations, especially in a busy pharmacy setting that is inadequate for the health and well-being of our young children. The increasing vaccine schedule is profitable for the vaccine manufacturers, pediatric associations and its members, pharmacies, etc., but not for our children. Concerns about vaccine safety and effectiveness has escalated over the years, especially since manufacturers and those administering vaccines were freed from all liability resulting from vaccine injury and death.

**HB-1950-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/19/2018 5:15:44 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a resident of Hawaii and public health professional, I strongly support this bill as it will increase the health and well-being of our local communities by expanding access to necessary prevention opportunities, especially naloxone (to prevent overdose) and vaccines (to prevent a variety of communicable diseases).

Not only do pharmacist obtain extensive education and ongoing training, but they often also have better relationships with community members who many not seek healthcare anywhere else, especially in our underserved and under-resources rural and neighbor island communities.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

**HB-1950-HD-2**

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Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lee Buenconsejo-Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB1950 HD1.

As a physician and parent, I support this bill and strongly support pharmacists administration of vaccines to persons 11 through 17 years of age. There are many reasons for support of this bill from parents, public health officials and pharmacies:

- Convenience to parents who bring their children into pharmacies for vaccination. This helps parents because of the better accessibility on evenings and weekends. Parents don't need to take off time from work and children don't need to be taken out of school.
- Pharmacists are well-trained to administer vaccines in the pharmacy setting.
- Increasing access to vaccines to maintain and increase levels of vaccination coverage. Strengthening vaccination levels will reduce disease outbreaks. Recent outbreaks of hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawaii and on the mainland were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawaii, access to pharmacies continues to play a major role in ensuring that many people are protected in a timely manner. HIC supports pharmacists being able to administer vaccinations. Their ability to do so increases accessibility of vaccines to adolescents and adults.
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Thank you for your consideration.

**HB-1950-HD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
martina dodson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I will no longer vaccinate my children...

... because I am a well trained medical doctor and former medical journal editor that has studied the vaccine research and analyzed both sides of the evidence.

... because I know how to read the medical literature, recognize bias and discern characteristics of good and fraudulent research.

... because I know that too much of the science supporting vaccines is fraudulent driven bought and paid for by the vaccine manufacturers themselves.

... because I understand the risks of vaccination as well as the benefits of my children and grandchildren encountering and overcoming the wild type diseases naturally.

... because I know that diseases like mumps, measles, and chickenpox aren't dangerous and untreatable diseases that justify the risk of injecting toxic ingredients into the tissues of my children.

... because I have seen the evidence of neurotoxicity from ingredients like aluminum, polysorbate 80, human DNA and cellular residues from the human cells lines upon which many of the live viruses are grown.

... because I've seen vaccine manufacturers like Merck promote what they knew was bad medicine for profit, kill 60,000 patients with Vioxx, and I have no reason to believe that they wouldn't do the same thing with vaccines, especially when you consider they can't be sued when their vaccines maim or kill children.

... because I believe the vaccine industry has thoroughly corrupted the science and safety of vaccines.

... because I recognize the aggressive and unreasonable tactics of a multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical industry desperately working to maintain the illusion of vaccine safety, keep consumers consuming, grow their markets, and increase their profits.

... because I have met so many families whose children were stolen from them by the battery of vaccines administered at pediatric vaccine visits.

... because I believe the U.S. vaccination program has become a progressively dangerous assault on the health and lives of the children of America.

... because I am awake and aware, I will not vaccinate, nor will I remain silent as the pharmaceutical and medical industries pretends that vaccines are safe and effective.

~Jim Meehan MD

This is what my Doctor friend Jim Meehan wrote and told me to quote you. The fact that our children are being injured and killed for profit is criminal. 1986 the same year Congress gave immunity to vaccine makers so parents can not sue, the vaccine schedule tripped. Coincidence? Ask yourselves this question. Going from 4 doses vaccines growing up to 74 doses before the age of 18, is that really for health or for profit?

The U.S has the highest infant mortality rate in a developed country also the most vaccinated. Our children are sicker then ever recorded in history. The amount of aluminum and mercury exceeds the safe amount of ingestible products, and here we are injecting them into little babies. Look at these bills proposed...having pharmacists with no training in vaccine injury, no training in reporting adverse events applying all vaccines into our children. Why on earth are these bills proposed all over the country? Why is it for the need of having every child vaccinated with 74 doses dangerous neurotoxins ?Is it for their health, or is it for vaccine makers to enjoy their multi billion dollar profits. Look at the testimonies for bill HB2622 a bill for informed consent to a vaccination. Every single opposer was bought by the pharmaceutical industry. Our doctors are bought. Blue Cross Blue Shield pay the pediatricians up to 400\$/child that is fully vaccinated. Here is the catch if they can't keep the practice at least 63% fully vaccinated. They will loose their whole bonus. For a pediatrician that can be up to 40.000/year. Who else do these pharmaceutical criminals pay to lobby for them?

If you care about our childrens future and health..I am begging you to stop these criminal bills and work for our medical freedom. Not against it. Please OPPOSE HB1950HD2, these kind of bills are criminal.

Sincerely,

Martina D.

#### CONSIDER THESE 25 POINTS BEFORE VACCINATING

1. Childhood illnesses are beneficial and are essential to build the immune system.
2. Suppressing them in itself is the road to chronic disorders & disabilities.
3. Vaccines ingredients are extremely toxic and harmful.
4. The claim that vaccines eradicated disease is not backed by facts. The credit actually goes to better housing conditions, clean water, sanitation, hygiene and nutrition.

5. Vaccines have never been adequately tested for safety/efficacy.
6. Administration of more than one vaccine does not have the backing of any safety study.
7. The effects of the entire vaccination schedule on children has never been studied.
8. Statistical manipulation and intense lobbying is behind 'vaccine success'.
9. Vaccine harm is constantly denied as coincidence.
10. There are 200 serious adverse effects including death noted in published mainstream scientific literature.
11. Vaccine induced autoimmune disorders and toxicity problems show up many years after administration.
12. Vaccine induced chronic disorders fuel the growth of the medical empire.
13. There is no safety net for victims in developing nations.
14. Vaccines are profitable; driven by corporate philanthropists supporting eugenics agendas.
15. In the USA \$3.3 billion has so far been paid as compensation for vaccination damage. Thousands of cases are pending.
16. The global spread of Autism, other chronic disorders and various cancers etc among children is alarming.
17. While 'experts' deny the vaccine autism connection, Courts have so far compensated 87 cases of vaccine induced autism in the USA and Italy.
18. Almost ALL the CDC studies disproving the vaccine-autism link has been exposed for fraud and statistical manipulation
19. These studies have not been retracted but are cited as 'proof' that vaccines do not cause autism.
20. Doctors/ scientists investigating vaccines have been struck off roles and have also died under mysterious circumstances.
21. Vaccine harm is mostly life long, without any treatment protocol to address the harm.
22. The entire system earns handsomely from vaccines and therefore turns a blind eye to harm done.



23. Parents are coerced into vaccinating their children without proper informed consent which is a crime under the Nuremberg Code.

24. Parents reporting vaccination harm are ignored, threatened or laughed at.

25. Pediatricians get their vaccine commissions and also benefit from treating the adverse effects. They are committed to be silent on the issue. The industry also never educates them on the subject.

Want to know why doctors are so focused on vaccinating the hell out of your kids?

Doctors get a \$400 bonus for each fully vaccinated child. 60 kids = \$24,000 bonus.

Autism creates \$2,000,000.00 - \$5,000,000.00 in revenue for each child and family effected!

Plus they create a lifetime of sickness leading to premature death!

Learn more about the dangers from vaccines:

[www.physiciansforinformedconsent.org](http://www.physiciansforinformedconsent.org)

[www.vaccinepapers.org](http://www.vaccinepapers.org)

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Submitted on: 2/19/2018 6:50:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Yukie Lloyd	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB1950 HD1.

As a concerned resident of Hawaii and parent, I support this bill and strongly support pharmacists administration of vaccines to persons 11 through 17 years of age. There are many reasons for support of this bill from parents, public health officials and pharmacies:

- Convenience to parents who bring their children into pharmacies for vaccination. This helps parents because of the better accessibility on evenings and weekends. Parents don't need to take off time from work and children don't need to be taken out of school.
- Pharmacists are well-trained to administer vaccines in the pharmacy setting.
- Increasing access to vaccines to maintain and increase levels of vaccination coverage. Strengthening vaccination levels will reduce disease outbreaks. Recent outbreaks of hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawaii and on the mainland were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawaii, access to pharmacies continues to play a major role in ensuring that many people are protected in a timely manner. HIC supports pharmacists being able to administer vaccinations. Their ability to do so increases accessibility of vaccines to adolescents and adults.
- Expansion of immunization delivery to improve the overall health of persons in Hawaii and to reduce the incidence of infectious diseases through vaccination is critical for better health outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
natasha sky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose this bill. Pharmacist are not doctors. Please keep medical care between a doctor and patient, instead of creating a fast food version of medical care. Thankyou

Sincerely,

Natasha Sky

I Vote

**HB-1950-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/19/2018 11:50:05 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lois J Young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE HB1950.

My deepest concern is the lack of medical care should a patient have an adverse reaction to a vaccine in a retail setting. The time it takes an ambulance to arrive is longer than if the patient had the adverse reaction in a clinic where immediate help is available.

Another concern is that the pharmacy has no patient history and should therefore leave the inoculation in the hands of their professional medical advisor who can inform them of the side effects of vaccines, the questionable neuro toxic ingredients and that if a vaccine injury is incurred, the professional, clinic and pharmaceutical company are NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES. Injuries like seizures, brain damage, muscular damage, paralysis caused by reaction to toxic chemicals. For more information go to: LEARN THE RISK.COM

Like you I'm concerned for the SAFETY of the people which leads to offering total transparency so the patient can make a sound decision on what is being injected into their body and their children's body. Will the pharmacist take the time to inform with their busy schedule?

Let's leave the decision between doctor and patient not pharmacist and customer.

I urge you to OPPOSE HB1950.

Thank you,

Lois Young

Date: February 20, 2018

To: The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair  
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Re: **SUPPORT for HB1950 HD2**, Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy  
Hrg: February 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Conference Room 329

Greetings House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

I am writing in strong **SUPPORT of HB1950 HD2** to expand the scope of services and specific medications that pharmacists may furnish.

Pharmacists are highly trained drug therapy experts and the most accessible health professionals. Within our professional degree (Doctor of Pharmacy) education, pharmacists are trained in the appropriate therapeutic indications, initiation, administration, management and patient counseling for all classes of medications, including epinephrine pens, naloxone, self-administered hormonal contraceptives, immunizations, smoking cessation replacement therapies and travel medications. In addition, pharmacists are well-trained in the appropriate selection and interpretation of laboratory tests relevant to the initiation and management of drug therapies.

We live in a highly rural state with an ongoing shortage of trained health professionals. Passage of this measure will safely and effectively increase accessibility to specific drug therapies, improve individual and public health, and help save lives in our community.

In addition, passage of this measure will establish a process to review of the scope of pharmacists' practice and appropriate continuing competency requirements to ensure that pharmacists maintain the knowledge and skills to safely and effectively provide care in our community.

I strongly **support HB1950 HD2** and respectfully ask you to pass this bill out of committee.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD  
Keaau, HI

Testimony of  
Hawaii Immunization Coalition (HIC)

Before:  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Representative Takumi, Chair  
Representative Ichiyama, Vice Chair

February 21, 2018  
2:00 pm  
Conference Room 329

**Re: HB1950 HD2 Relating to Health**

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB1950 HD2.

I am adding my **support** to this bill and **recommend a revision of language to allow pharmacists to provide *all* recommended vaccines to adolescents 11-17 years of age.**

There are many reasons for support of this bill and the amendments, from parents, healthcare experts, public health officials and pharmacies:

- **Convenience to parents** who bring their children into pharmacies for vaccination. Less time off work for parents. Less time out of school for students.
- **Pharmacists are well-trained** to administer vaccines in the pharmacy setting. Most have access to medical records so that immunizations can be added in a timely fashion.
- **Increasing access to vaccines** to maintain and increase levels of vaccination coverage. Strengthening vaccination levels will reduce disease outbreaks. Recent outbreaks of hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawaii and on the mainland were all vaccine-preventable.
- **Expansion of immunization delivery** to improve the overall health of persons in Hawaii and to reduce the incidence of infectious diseases through vaccination is critical for better health outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Strait-Jones

**HB-1950-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:40:55 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kim Haine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB 1950 and its attempt to expand the scope of practice of pharmacists.

Pharmacists are required to have a prescription from a qualified medical doctor, someone with training and expertise, as well as the in-office time to properly evaluate a patient via physical exam, individual and family history, as well as appropriate diagnostic/lab tests PRIOR to writing a prescription. Pharmacists are neither qualified nor have the time to properly evaluate ( especially in a busy retail setting) an individual for potential adverse reactions for any medication, not to mention vaccines for children. Adverse events such a seizure, convulsions and collapse are a very common side effect of not only HPV vaccine, but DTaP as well. This is placing undue burden on our pharmacists, and our children in harms way.

We have drive thru fast food

We do not need drive thru healthcare.

Thank you for your time,

Dr Kim Haine



**LATE**

**HB-1950-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/21/2018 7:13:44 AM  
Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
SueAnn Yasuoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Feb 21, 2018

Committee on Consumer Protection And Commerce,

As a RETAIL pharmacist in the community, I SUPPORT and ask you to SUPPORT HB 1950.

Sincerely,

SueAnn Yasuoka

PS. And please note the State of Hawaii Hawaii Immunization Registry is in need of some assistance, as it is very helpful in determining what vaccinations are needed and a data warehouse where we can record the immunizations we administer. The System has been broken for the last 4 months and we have been informed that there is no timeline for a fix.



February 21, 2018

The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair  
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Consumer Affairs and Commerce

**LATE**

Re: HB 1950, HD2 – Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 1950, HD2, which relates to expanding the scope of practice of pharmacy to allow pharmacists to furnish specific medications and services. We appreciate the intent of this measure and provide the following comments.

HMSA recognizes that pharmacists deliver direct patient care, and serve a valuable role in our healthcare system. We ask the Committee to consider the following:

- HMSA is undergoing the transformation of our payment system to providers, moving away from the fee-for-service model. Reimbursement to pharmacists could fall outside the payment transformation model resulting in higher costs to our members.
- Access to a customer's complete medical records is generally not part of a pharmacist's practice and therefore may impact the advisability of a treatment. Pharmacists also do not currently maintain patient medical records required for audit and validation purposes under national accreditation organizations and government programs.

We are in ongoing discussions with our pharmacists to better understand the scope of additional services they would like to assume, and we remain committed to working with them to seek consensus as to how we can more fully engage pharmacists in delivering healthcare services. As such, we support the establishment of a working group to review this issue further and make recommendations.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on HB1950, HD2.

Sincerely,

Senior Vice-President - Government Relations