

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 900, H.D. 1, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS**

Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

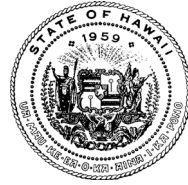
My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board supports this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age pursuant to a valid prescription; and (2) specify requirements pharmacists must meet prior to administering any vaccine to a person between eleven and seventeen years of age.

Act 68, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2017, authorized pharmacists to administer the human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age. It also specified requirements that pharmacists must meet prior to administering the human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine. However, it appears that the language of Act 68 was inconsistent as it also referred to a separate age range of “fourteen and seventeen.” Accordingly, this bill would clarify the intent of Act 68, SLH 2017 by clarifying the age range as “eleven and seventeen.”

Lastly, the Board respectfully requests that the effective date of the bill be amended from July 1, 2050, to upon approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 0900, H.D. 1
RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

REPRESENTATIVE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE
Hearing Date: 2/13/2019 Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the Department of Health.

2 **Department Testimony:** H.B. 900, H.D. 1 may help to improve vaccination rates in Hawaii by
3 increasing access to vaccines as well as potentially increasing available vaccine supply for the
4 pediatric population, statewide. The measure continues to maintain patient safety via pharmacist
5 immunization training requirements and also ensures that current vaccine administration
6 documentation requirements are also retained.

7 In 2017, according to National Immunization Survey, Teen data, the HPV Up-To-Date rate for
8 males and females aged 13–17 years in Hawaii were estimated to be 54.7% (± 6.4), well below
9 the Healthy People 2020 goal of 80% coverage levels. In addition, National Immunization
10 Survey, Teen data indicate that 2017 MMR Up-To-Date coverage levels for adolescents aged
11 13–17 years of age was 90.2% (CI ± 3.9), which is lower than the recognized threshold required
12 for measles community (herd) immunity of 95%. Note that Hawaii's 2017 teen MMR coverage
13 estimate has declined from a high of 95.2% (± 2.6) in 2011.

14 Hawaii's poor HPV and declining adolescent MMR vaccination rates, as well as the increasing
15 complexity of recommended immunization schedules, are indicators that the development of
16 novel approaches to vaccination, such as the creation of opportunities for increased partnership
17 between the medical home and pharmacists, should be encouraged to provide enhanced access to
18 vaccines for Hawaii's keiki. The Department strongly recommends that groups representing

1 pharmacists continue to work with local pediatric and family physician organizations to
2 collaboratively preserve the child's medical home and assure appropriate monitoring of their
3 health.

4 **Offered Amendments:** None. The Department appreciates the incorporation of previously
5 offered amendments into the H.D. 1 version of the measure.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., Room 329

by

Marcia Sakai

Interim Chancellor

and

Carolyn Ma, Pharm D, BCOP

Dean

Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP)
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

HB 900 HD1 – RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

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

My name is Carolyn Ma, and I am the Dean for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). The University of Hawai'i at Hilo fully supports this bill that will allow registered pharmacists trained and certified in vaccine administration to administer vaccines to 11-17 year old patients. The bill also specifies requirements pharmacists must meet prior to administering any vaccine to a person between these ages.

Act 68, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, authorized pharmacists to administer vaccinations to patients in the age range of 11-17 year olds. It also specified requirements that pharmacists must meet prior to administering vaccinations. However, it appears that the language of Act 68 was inconsistent as it also referred to a separate age range of "fourteen and seventeen." Accordingly, this bill would clarify the intent of Act 68 by clarifying the age range as "eleven and seventeen."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



Testimony of
Hawai'i Immunization Coalition (HIC)

Before:
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Rep. Roy M. Takumi, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

February 13, 2019
2:00 pm
Conference Room 329

Re: HB 900 HD1 Relating to Vaccinations

Chair, Vice Chair and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 900, HD1.

The Hawai'i Immunization Coalition (HIC) **supports this bill**. This bill would allow pharmacists to administer the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to children between the ages of 11 to 17 years old with a valid prescription. In 2017, a law was passed to increase the capacity of pharmacists to vaccinate Hawai'i teens 11 years old to 17 years old, but only with a prescription from a physician. Because of challenges of the current law, some of our teen vaccination rates hold steady at 80% (Tdap and meningococcal vaccines), but other vaccines like the HPV vaccine are still low at 54.7%. This low rate may be due to various reasons, but among them, pharmacists needing a prescription from the child's doctor to administer the shot, is a barrier for parents.

In a recent survey conducted by May Rose Dela Cruz, DrPH, researcher at the University of Hawai'i Office of Public Health Studies that surveyed health providers statewide found that:

- Only 36.9% of doctors surveyed have sent their patients 11 years old and above to a pharmacist to receive his/her shots.
- 62% of doctors (mostly pediatricians) stocked the HPV vaccine. However, only 54% of Hawai'i's youth are vaccinated with the HPV vaccine. The low percentage may be due to missed doses (youth not finishing their shots to completion) or doctors not administering the HPV vaccine. The HPV vaccine is important because it can prevent most of the cancers and infections that HPV causes.

Our pharmacists have the capabilities and infrastructure to administer these shots.

- To vaccinate, they all need to complete a rigorous curriculum and certification process.
- Pharmacy locations are ideal for adolescents in our rural communities to access because of their convenient evening and weekend times and flexible walk-in periods.
- Pharmacies have the needed facilities to administer vaccines on-site.
- Pharmacists are in a position to increase adolescent vaccination uptake in Hawai'i.

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

The Hawai'i Immunization Coalition (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 Hawai'i's families are appropriately vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases. Focus: Immunizations across the lifespan.

Thank you for your consideration.

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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HB-900-HD-1

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Testimony for CPC on 2/13/2019 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Date: February 9, 2019

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

Re: **Strong Support of HB900 HD1**, Relating to Vaccinations

Hrg: February 13, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Capitol Room 329

Aloha House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

As a father, community member and licensed pharmacist, I am writing in **strong support of HB900 HD1**, which authorizes pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between eleven and seventeen years pursuant to a valid prescription, and, specifies requirements pharmacists must meet prior to administering any vaccine to a person between eleven and seventeen years.

With Hawai'i teen vaccination rates ranging from 55% to 80% depending on the vaccine, pharmacists increase access to vaccines that prevent diseases, including a number of cancers. Recent outbreaks of measles, hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawai'i and on the Continental U.S. were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawai'i, access to pharmacist-administered vaccines played a major role in ensuring that many people were protected in a timely manner.

Hawai'i pharmacists are well prepared and positioned members of the healthcare team to increase adolescent vaccination rates.

To qualify to administer vaccines by prescription from a licensed prescriber, our pharmacists must complete a rigorous curriculum and certification process, as well as complete regular continuing education in vaccination administration.

Hawai'i pharmacies are conveniently located in our urban and rural communities, open evenings and weekends, with flexible walk-in periods and the needed facilities to administer vaccines on-site.

I **strongly support HB900 HD1** and respectfully ask you to pass this bill out of committee.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD
Kea'au, HI

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII
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RE: HB 900 relating to vaccinations

2/11/2019

Honorable Committee Chairs and Committee members:

I am writing testimony to support HB 900 with amendments, but oppose it without the amendments that I have attached.

The current bill does not contain language to include physician assistants (PAs). I'm sure that this is an unintended omission. I therefore take this opportunity to recommend that amendments be made as attached, to include PAs to the list of providers who can write prescriptions, as described in the bill, that pharmacists can accept.

Currently in Hawaii there are three types of providers with prescriptive authority: Physicians, physician assistant and advanced practice registered nurses. Omission of PAs in the language of this bill does not make sense and I ask that the committees include amendments as attached.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this recommendation.

Fielding Mercer, PA-C

Previous president and legislative liaison to the Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants. (HAPA)

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 461-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to read as follows:

"Practice of pharmacy" means:

(1) The interpretation and evaluation of prescription orders; the compounding, dispensing, and labeling of drugs and devices (except labeling by a manufacturer, packer, or distributor of nonprescription drugs and commercially legend drugs and devices); the participation in drug selection and drug utilization reviews; the proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and the maintenance of proper records therefor; the responsibility for advising when necessary or where regulated, of therapeutic values, content, hazards, and use of drugs and devices; and the interpretation and evaluation of prescription orders to adjust the supply dispensed for purposes of medication synchronization pursuant to section 431:10A-606, 432:1-621, or 432D-30;

(2) Performing the following procedures or functions as part of the care provided by and in concurrence with a "health care facility" and "health care service" as defined in section 323D-2, or a "pharmacy" or a licensed physician, physician assistant, or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority, or a "managed care plan" as defined in section 432E-1, in accordance with policies, procedures, or protocols developed collaboratively by health professionals, including physicians and surgeons, pharmacists, physician assistants, and registered nurses, and for which a pharmacist has received appropriate training required by these policies, procedures, or protocols:

- (A) Ordering or performing routine drug therapy related patient assessment procedures;
- (B) Ordering drug therapy related laboratory tests;
- (C) Initiating emergency contraception oral drug therapy in accordance with a written collaborative agreement approved by the board, between a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority and a pharmacist who has received appropriate training that includes programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), curriculum-based programs from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy, state or local health department programs, or programs recognized by the board of pharmacy;
- (D) Administering drugs orally, topically, by intranasal delivery, or by injection, pursuant to the order of the patient's licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority, by a pharmacist having appropriate training that includes programs approved by the ACPE, curriculum-based programs from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy, state or local health department programs, or programs recognized by the board of pharmacy;

(E) Administering:

- (i) Immunizations orally, by injection, or by intranasal delivery, to persons eighteen years of age or older by a pharmacist having appropriate training that includes programs approved by the ACPE, curriculum-based programs from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy, state or local health department programs, or programs recognized by the board of pharmacy;
- (ii) Vaccines to persons between [~~fourteen~~] eleven and seventeen years of age pursuant to section 461-11.4; and
- (iii) Human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, and influenza vaccines to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age pursuant to section 461-11.4;

(F) As authorized by the written instructions of a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority, initiating or adjusting the drug regimen of a patient pursuant to an order or authorization made by the patient's licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority and related to the

condition for which the patient has been seen by the licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority; provided that the pharmacist shall issue written notification to the patient's licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority or enter the appropriate information in an electronic patient record system shared by the licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority, within twenty-four hours;

- (G) Transmitting a valid prescription to another pharmacist for the purpose of filling or dispensing;
- (H) Providing consultation, information, or education to patients and health care professionals based on the pharmacist's training and for which no other licensure is required; or
- (I) Prescribing and dispensing an opioid antagonist pursuant to section 461-11.8;

(3) The offering or performing of those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management, and control of pharmacy; and

(4) Prescribing and dispensing contraceptive supplies pursuant to section 461-11.6."

SECTION 2. Section 461-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

"(e) A pharmacist who administers any vaccine to persons between the ages of [~~fourteen~~] eleven and seventeen years or administers the human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age pursuant to section 461-11.4 shall complete a training program approved by the board within every other biennial renewal period and submit proof of successful completion of the training program to the board; provided that the pharmacist shall meet these requirements prior to administering any vaccine to persons between the ages of [~~fourteen~~] eleven and seventeen years or administering the human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age."

SECTION 3. Section 461-11.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

"(a) A pharmacist may administer:

(1) A vaccine to persons between [~~fourteen~~] eleven and seventeen years of age pursuant to a valid prescription; and

(2) A human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age pursuant to a valid prescription.

The pharmacist shall verify that the prescriber or the prescriber's authorized agent is the patient's medical home."

2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

"(d) All pharmacists who administer vaccines to persons between the ages of [~~fourteen~~] eleven and seventeen years or administer human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, and influenza vaccines to persons between the ages of eleven and seventeen years shall complete a training program approved by the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education for which a certificate of completion is issued. The pharmacist shall complete the training program and submit the completion certificate for the training program to the board prior to administering any vaccine to persons between the ages of [~~fourteen~~] eleven and seventeen years and prior to administering any human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between the ages of eleven and seventeen years."

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

Report Title:

Vaccinations; Pharmacists; Children

Description:

Authorizes pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between eleven and seventeen years pursuant to a valid prescription. Specifies requirements pharmacists must meet prior to administering any vaccine to a person between eleven and seventeen years.

The summary description of legislation appearing

Amendments: Underscore is used for additions. Strike through is used for deletions.
No deletions were made.



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 12, 2019

TO: Representative Roy Takumi
Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **H.B. 900, H.D.1 – Relating to Vaccinations**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 329

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

We submit this testimony in **support** of H.B. 900, H.D.1, Relating to Vaccinations, on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates stores at more than 9,500 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. In Hawaii, Walgreens now has 19 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii.

H.B. 900, H.D.1 would allow pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between eleven and seventeen years pursuant to a valid prescription, provided that they meet certain requirements.

The current law already allows persons between eleven and seventeen to receive the HPV, Tdap, Meningococcal, or influenza vaccines pursuant to a valid prescription. This bill would make all vaccines to those eleven and older available at pharmacies pursuant to a prescription.

Walgreens believes that increasing access to vaccines is an important public policy that will improve and protect public health. Allowing pharmacists to administer vaccinations is a low-cost and convenient way to meet an important public health need. Studies have shown that in states in which pharmacists are allowed to administer vaccines, the vaccine coverage rates are increased for the target population.

Pharmacists are required to receive specialized training to administer vaccinations. Presently, Walgreens pharmacists who participate in vaccine programs go through a “Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery” certificate training program offered by the American Pharmacists Association that is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition to immunization training, all participating pharmacists are required to become certified in adult and child CPR and to take

OSHA blood-borne pathogens training. These programs include training to administer vaccines for children nine years of age and older.

Walgreens is committed to promoting public health by improving the accessibility of life-saving vaccines. We believe that, given proper training and certification for pharmacists, lowering age restrictions and expanding the availability of vaccines will improve access and serve as a valuable preventative tool. It would also allow for a quick and effective response in the event of a public health emergency.

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

HB-900-HD-1

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Testimony for CPC on 2/13/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan J. Wurtzburg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Immunization rates are low in Hawaii, and this bill provides an excellent means of increasing them. This is important for the health of all living in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.