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Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 0203
RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 03/19/2019

Room Number: 329

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the Department of Health
- 2 **Department Testimony:** With the addition of immunizations to the pharmacy scope of practice
- 3 ([HRS §461-1](#)), persons in Hawaii have increased access immunizations via an alternative to
- 4 traditional medical office settings. The addition of pharmacists to [HRS §325-33](#) would
- 5 recognize pharmacists' expanded presence in the immunization healthcare arena. Enhanced
- 6 access to immunizations via pharmacies offers opportunities for increased partnership between
- 7 the medical home and pharmacists. The Department continues to recommend that groups
- 8 representing pharmacists continue to work with physician organizations to collaboratively
- 9 preserve the medical home and assure appropriate monitoring of patient health.
- 10 The requirement for pharmacists to maintain and make available immunization records to the
- 11 Department of Education and the Department of Health would be beneficial if evidence of
- 12 immunization were needed, such as providing documentation of meeting school or post-
- 13 secondary school entry requirements or in the course of disease outbreak investigations.
- 14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
House Committee on Health
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 203, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS**

Chair Mizuno 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 purpose of this bill is to clarify that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

Act 68, Session Laws of Hawaii 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, meningococcal, or influenza vaccine.

The Board's statutes define the practice of pharmacy to include, among other things, the administration of drugs orally, topically, by intranasal delivery, or by injection pursuant to the order of the patient's licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse, by an appropriately trained pharmacist.

For the Committee's information, pharmacists have been administering influenza vaccines for years, and during the 2016 Hepatitis A outbreak, they also administered the Hepatitis A virus vaccine. The ability to provide access to care by trained pharmacists in a timely manner is vital to ensuring the health and welfare of the consumers of this state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Rm 329

by
Marcia Sakai
Interim Chancellor
and
Carolyn Ma, PharmD, BCOP
Dean
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

SB 203 – RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, 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 DKICP 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 (SLH) 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, SLH 2017 by clarifying the age range as "eleven and seventeen."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

SB-203

Submitted on: 3/16/2019 9:52:44 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/19/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Maile Walters | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB203.

The Hawai'i Immunization Coalition (HIC) **strongly supports SB 203** that clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

Our pharmacists have the capabilities and infrastructure to administer vaccines.

- Pharmacists must complete a rigorous immunization curriculum and certification process, as well as regular continuing education, including appropriate vaccination record keeping.
- 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 vaccination rates 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.



March 17, 2019

To: Chair: John Mizuno
Vice-Chair: Bertrand Kobayashi

Hrg: March 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Capitol Room 329

Re: Strong Support of SB203, Relating to Immunizations

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 SB203 that clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

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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
Hawaii Public Health Association

Date: March 15, 2019

To: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Support of SB203**, Relating to Vaccinations

Hrg: March 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM in Capitol Room 329

Aloha House Committee on Health,

As a father, community member and licensed pharmacist, I am writing in **strong support of SB203**, which clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

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 ideally positioned members of the healthcare team to increase vaccination rates. To qualify to deliver immunizations, our pharmacists must complete a rigorous curriculum and certification process, as well as regular continuing education, including appropriate vaccination record keeping.

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

I **strongly support SB203** and respectfully ask you to pass this bill out of committee.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD
Keaau, HI

Before:
Committee on Health and Human Services
Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2019
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol

Re: SB 203 Relating to Vaccinations

Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 203.

SB 203 clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records. I stand in **strong support** of this legislation.

SB 203 focuses on widening pharmacists' scope of practice in the State and will increase immunization rates in all age categories. I **strongly support** this bill and the objectives of full immunization for all of Hawaii's populations.

Pharmacists are trusted healthcare professionals who are available in all communities throughout the state. They are well-trained in providing immunizations; the public is comfortable asking questions of pharmacists and receiving their immunizations from them.

Thank you for your time and consideration and the opportunity to testify in support of SB 203.

SB-203

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 10:34:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/19/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-203

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 6:27:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/19/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Marian Phillipson | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB203.

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- Pharmacists are in a position to increase vaccination rates in Hawai'i.

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SB-203

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 8:15:01 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/19/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Thaddeus Pham | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB203.

As a concerned citizen and public health professional, I unequivocally **support and urge the passage of SB 203**, which clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

Recent outbreaks of measles, hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawai'i and on the Continental U.S. were all vaccine-preventable. They also demonstrate the danger of reducing access to vaccines. In Hawai'i, access to pharmacies played a major role in ensuring that many people were protected from hepatitis A and other diseases in a timely manner.

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- Pharmacists must complete a rigorous immunization curriculum and certification process, as well as regular continuing education, including appropriate vaccination record keeping.
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- Pharmacies have the needed facilities to administer vaccines on-site.
- Pharmacists are in a position to increase vaccination rates in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time,

Thaddeus Pham

Testimony of
Joanna M. Kettlewell

Before:
Committee on Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

March 19, 2019
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Re: SB203 - RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

Aloha Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

As a biomedical researcher and member of the community in the great state of Hawaii, I **strongly support SB203**, which clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

The medical and scientific community has overwhelmingly agreed that immunizations/vaccinations are safe and effective in preventing diseases, especially those with high rates of morbidity and mortality. While I could rattle off multiple statistics regarding the safety and efficacy of vaccines and the importance of increasing uptake, I would like to take my time to attest to the personal impacts of increasing healthcare access by providing pharmacists with the ability to administer immunizations/vaccinations.

- Pharmacists are employed at a multitude of easily accessible locations, such as combination grocery stores/pharmacies like Walmart, Target, and Costco. This provides me with the ability to pick up my medication, catch up on vaccinations, and pick up dinner while I'm at it!
- Requiring pharmacists to keep vaccination records makes it easy to locate these records for the average individual seeking entry into academic institutions. As a young adult entering college, I needed my immunization records from my physician. However, I was unable to remember the names of the physicians I saw in adolescence. By allowing pharmacists at locations such as Longs Drugs to provide immunizations, an individual would be able to contact Longs Drugs to receive these records rather than fumbling to remember a physician from years prior.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Joanna M. Kettlewell

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Donna Kohls <Donna.Kohls.152205546@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 1:16 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: SB366 SD2 Testimony

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Dear Chair John Mizuno, and committee members :

I am in strong support of Senate Bill 366 SD2. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 29,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, making it the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2019, the Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$232 million and is projected to increase by 21.2% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia has increased to \$17,965.

The Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position was established six years ago within the executive office on aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. This position is absolutely essential in that it is tasked with the coordination and provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services. The appropriation of funds to this position is crucial, as the number of existing cases of Alzheimer's Disease as well as the cost of the disease continually rises, causing a public health crisis.

Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,
Donna Kohls

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Jomel Duldulao <Jomel.Duldulao.147986474@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:24 PM
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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,
Jomel Duldulao

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: George borges <George.borges.152193351@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:22 PM
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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,
George borges

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Katrina Sudweeks <Katrina.Sudweeks.147205353@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:42 AM
To: HLTtestimony
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Categories: Red category

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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,
Katrina Sudweeks

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Ashley Curry <Ashley.Curry.147138349@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:40 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: SB366 SD2 Testimony

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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,
Ashley Curry

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Iris Toguchi <Iris.Toguchi.148840672@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:35 AM
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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,
Iris Toguchi

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Mahalo,
Timothy Vandever