
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL AUTONOMY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is crucial to be
2 prepared to effectively address inevitable large-scale disease
3 outbreaks, such as COVID-19, the official name of the 2019
4 strand of the coronavirus that has spread worldwide, which can
5 significantly impact the people of Hawaii.

6 The legislature recognizes that immunization programs are
7 intended to reduce the risk of infection by working with the
8 body's natural defenses to develop immunity to certain diseases.
9 A highly vaccinated population has helped eliminate diseases
10 such as polio and helped prevent the spread of other
11 communicable threats such as the human papillomavirus, measles,
12 and hepatitis.

13 While vaccines are safe and effective for the general
14 public, they may carry a risk for a small number of individuals.
15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
16 department of health to conduct a study relating to the
17 development and disbursement of vaccinations to prepare Hawaii



1 for modern disease outbreaks, determine when exemptions to
2 mandatory vaccinations may be appropriate, and submit a report
3 of its findings to the legislature.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The department of health shall conduct a
5 study regarding the development and disbursement of vaccinations
6 for modern disease outbreaks and various procedures associated
7 with medically authorized exemptions from required vaccinations.

8 The study shall include:

- 9 (1) The department's plans to prepare for a COVID-19-type
10 outbreak in Hawaii, including how to appropriately
11 vaccinate an island community against modern diseases
12 that are prone to cause outbreaks;
- 13 (2) An analysis of how other states are preparing for a
14 COVID-19-type outbreak;
- 15 (3) An analysis of current vaccination rates;
- 16 (4) An analysis of unintended health reactions to
17 vaccines;
- 18 (5) An analysis of how other states respond to unintended
19 health reactions to vaccines;
- 20 (6) How the State can ensure the maximum protection of its
21 population against common chronic pathogens;



1 (7) How the State can ensure the maximum protection of its
2 population against an acute outbreak of a COVID-19-
3 type outbreak; and

4 (8) How to minimize risk to those who may have unintended
5 health reactions to vaccines and when exemptions from
6 the mandatory vaccines may be appropriate.

7 (b) The department of health may partner with federal
8 partners or universities to conduct relevant research for this
9 study.

10 (c) The department of health shall submit a report of its
11 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
12 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
13 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Vaccinations; Coronavirus; Exemptions; DOH; Study

Description:

Requires the department of health to conduct a study relating to the development and disbursement of vaccinations for modern disease outbreaks and procedures associated with medically authorized exemptions from mandatory vaccinations. Allows the department of health to partner with federal partners or universities to conduct relevant research for this study. Requires a report to the legislature. Effective 7/1/2050.
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