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**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 2459 RELATING TO MEDICAL AUTONOMY.

**Purpose of Bill:** Authorizes conscientious beliefs as a basis for exemption from vaccination requirements. Requires that the first option for quarantine of an individual be quarantined inside that individual's residence.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) offers comments on HB 2459.

The Department is committed to supporting students' well-being by providing a safe learning environment. Expanding the criteria for allowable exemptions to include conscientious beliefs may lower vaccination coverage rates in schools and increase the potential for students to be exposed to serious illness.

The Department utilizes HealthOffice Anywhere. This electronic health record system helps to identify students that need additional immunization, facilitates improved communication with students' families, and supports student health.

In the case of danger of an epidemic, quarantine as an alternative to vaccination puts children and other community members with weak or vulnerable immune systems at increased risk of exposure to disease. Quarantine would also limit a student's ability to attend school and potentially negatively impact his/her educational attainment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).

**HB-2459**

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Comments:

Written Testimony of James R. Neuenschwander, M.D.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my testimony in support of HB2459. I am a physician dually board certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine and have been in practice for over thirty years. I am also the father of three, step father of three, and grandfather of four. I began my career in medicine after graduating from the University of Michigan Medical school in 1985 completely indoctrinated into the wonders of vaccines. I was taught that vaccines, along with antibiotics, were the most important medical advances of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. I chided parents and patients into receiving their DT or DTP vaccine after an injury in my emergency medicine practice, whether they were at actual risk of tetanus or not. I was the true vaccine believer. All of this has changed as a result of my personal observations and through the patients I have treated. One of my children had a local reaction to the DPT vaccine, which worsened with his second (and last) vaccine. In the State of Michigan, I could choose to not vaccinate my children simply as a personal choice based on my knowledge and beliefs; no one batted an eyelash. This did not destroy my faith in vaccines—I thought it was a rare, individual reaction. Parents began to tell me stories about how their child regressed after one or more vaccines. I watched as the health of our children slowly disintegrated over the course of my career as we introduced more and more vaccines. Rates of allergies, asthma, autism, ADHD, and autoimmune disorders have skyrocketed. I have personally witnessed vaccine injures in my over 25 years of practice in the emergency room and over 30 years of office practice. My patients have always guided my continued medical education, and this pursuit drove me into investigating the safety and efficacy of vaccines and the evidence that is available. That pursuit has changed my entire life, and my point of view on vaccines.

The first thing that I discovered was that vaccine safety is the responsibility of the federal government through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Manufacturers no longer have responsibility for the safety of the products they manufacture. The 1987 law that removed that responsibility mandated the Health and Human Services create a task force to report to Congress on a bi-annual basis on vaccine safety updates—no report has ever been given. Reviews of vaccine safety by the Institute of Medicine (IOM—now called the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine) showed a woeful lack of actual safety studies to examine the links between reported vaccine injuries and the vaccines themselves. Despite recommending better science, nothing has changed.

I also discovered that no vaccine has ever (with the exception of 320 girls in a Gardasil trial) been subjected to a gold standard inert placebo- controlled pre-licensing trial. No medication would ever be approved without this. Vaccines are compared to other vaccines or to vaccine ingredients. A recent evaluation of a new MMR vaccine from Glaxo-Smith-Klein (GSK) is a prime example. Twelve-month-old children were given the GSK MMR vaccine and outcomes were measured. The study was robust, with about 3500 kids in the treatment group and 1500 in the “control” group. The study states in its abstract, “. . . no safety concerns were detected.”

Evaluation of the data (published separately at a different site) shows that almost half of the participant's parents reported an unsolicited adverse event in six weeks with 6% reporting a grade 3 adverse event (the highest level). This same data showed that 10% of these babies ended up in the emergency room within 6 weeks and about 3.5% developed a new, chronic medical condition within six months of the vaccination. The conclusion of "no safety concerns were detected" was the result of the control group having similar results. The control group was not an inert placebo, it was the current MMR2 vaccine from Merck. Am I to believe that 10% of healthy 12-month olds end up in an ER every six weeks or 3.5% of them develop a new, chronic medical condition every six months? This is the equivalent to comparing smoking a pack of Marlboro cigarettes to a pack of Camel cigarettes; and after discovering that 10% of each group develop lung cancer, declare that there is no safety concern and cigarettes don't cause cancer. The HPV prelicensure trials actually did have 340 girls receive an inert, saline placebo. They are reported in a separate group when evaluating local reactions. When it came time to report on incidence of autoimmunity (2.5% for the vaccine in six months), these girls were combined with over 9000 girls who received the vaccine's adjuvant (the ingredient that contains aluminum, stimulates the immune response, and has long been suspected to be contributing to autoimmunity). Lo and behold—the autoimmunity rates were the same. A recent FOIA request to the FDA revealed that none of those 340 girls developed an autoimmune disorder in those six months. It is this type of "science" that is repeated over and over when you investigate the safety and efficacy of vaccines. No other branch of science would ever tolerate this type of investigation.

I also discovered that the vaccine schedule had never been investigated as a whole for its risks and benefits. There have been no studies from the CDC comparing vaccinated to unvaccinated populations despite calls from the public and the Institute of Medicine. The data bases exist to do this study right now in a way that is completely ethical—there are enough individuals who are voluntarily unvaccinated in the data base to do the study. The one small study that had been published by Dr. Mawson's group from Jackson State University in Mississippi showed worse overall health outcomes in vaccinated children with significant increases in asthma, allergies, autism, ADHD, and neurodevelopmental delay. Another study by Peter Aaby in evaluating long term outcomes after DPT vaccination in Guinea-Bissau showed that people that received the DPT vaccine were much more likely to die of other infections (girls, in particular, were 10 times more likely to die of something else). The vaccine prevented diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus; but they died of other infections—the classic "the operation was a success, but the patient died."

I discovered that vaccines were full of ingredients that should never be injected into anyone. Nano particle aluminum was the top of the list. This is added in different forms to vaccines to improve the immune response. This has also been linked to autoimmune disorders and has been found to accumulate in the brains of autistic children in one study. I also learned that multiple vaccine viruses were grown on cells from aborted human fetuses and that vaccines contain human and animal DNA as contaminants (also excellent inducers of an autoimmune response). No one ever taught me any of this in medical school.



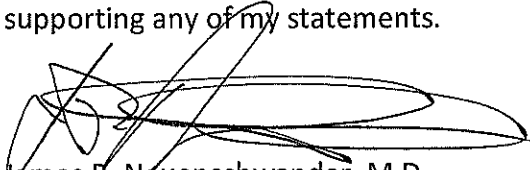
I learned about using the concept of herd immunity to mandate the removal of individual rights to choose what is injected into their or their children's bodies. I also learned that vaccines are slowly destroying true herd immunity—a description of the phenomenon that when an adequate number of people get an infection, the infection stops circulating and everyone is protected. The introduction of vaccines has destroyed this phenomenon and measles is a good example of how. When measles circulated, nearly everyone was infected and developed lifelong immunity. This immunity was passed onto newborn infants who were protected by their mother's immunity until they were old enough to survive a measles infection. The elderly were protected, because the immunity lasted a life time. Since we have vaccinated, none of this is true. Many mothers have lost immunity by the time they give birth, and their babies are not protected until they receive their first MMR vaccine at 12-16 months of age. Most adults have lost their immunity, because the vaccine does not last a lifetime; and they become vulnerable to infection at a time when it can be very dangerous. We also know that repeated vaccination with MMR loses its effectiveness quickly. How has this improved herd immunity? Based on the studies from Drs. Mawson and Aaby, we know that vaccines worsen outcomes with other infections and immune disorders. The ultimate outcome is that we have a herd that is no longer able to fend off the thousands of infections that are not covered by vaccines. "The operation was a success, but the patient died."

Finally, I would like to address the issue of patient autonomy. My understanding of medicine has always been rooted in a patient's right to determine what is best for themselves and their family. Informed consent is required for everything that we do, and a patient can never be coerced into a medical procedure by threat. In 2005, UNESCO, in response to a consensus of 193 countries (including the United States) adopted the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights. Article 6(1) states, "Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information. The consent should, where appropriate, be express and may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without disadvantage or prejudice." And for you herd immunity types, article 3(2) states, "The interests and welfare of the individual should have priority over the sole interest of science or society." A recent World Health Organization (WHO) summit of vaccine safety held in Switzerland in December 2019 revealed an understanding by the world's vaccine leaders that there has been inadequate safety trials, there is inadequate monitoring of current vaccine safety, and there is inadequate understanding on the effects of adjuvants used in combination or even how adjuvants work. In essence, we are all participating in a large clinical trial without our informed and free consent. Anyone who has ever taken a course in medical ethics knows that the Nuremberg code strictly forbids this.

In closing, we have seen mandates in other states remove the rights of people to determine the medical treatment of themselves or their children. It is time to reverse that trend. Where there is a risk, there must be a choice. The science on vaccines is far from settled. The safety of vaccines has not been proven. The question of whether vaccines improve overall health is in serious doubt. People have the right to determine what gets injected into their children or themselves based on their beliefs, personal knowledge, and ethics along with the consideration

of the recommendations of their physician. Enacting HB2459 will allow that to happen. I ask for its passage.

I would be more than happy to forward any of the published studies or other evidence supporting any of my statements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Neuenschwander", written over a horizontal line.

James R. Neuenschwander, M.D.

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## **THE DANGER OF ELIMINATING VACCINE EXEMPTIONS & CURTAILING VACCINE CRITICISM**

Prior to any medical procedure, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Service (“HHS”) explains that the “voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential.”<sup>1</sup> Coercion invalidates informed consent.<sup>2</sup> Infringing this right by eliminating vaccine exemptions and curtailing criticism is unethical and un-American given the following facts:

### **PHARMA HAS NO INCENTIVE TO ASSURE VACCINE SAFETY**

**1. Immunity from Liability for Vaccine Harms.** By the early 1980s, pharmaceutical companies were facing crippling liability for injuries to children caused by their vaccines.<sup>3</sup> Instead of letting these market forces drive them to develop safer vaccines, Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (the “1986 Act”) which eliminated pharmaceutical company liability for injuries caused by their vaccine products.<sup>4</sup>

**2. Pharmaceutical Company Misconduct.** Since 1986, Merck, GSK, Sanofi and Pfizer have paid billions of dollars for misconduct and injuries related to their drug products.<sup>5</sup> These same companies manufacture almost all childhood vaccines, but because of the 1986 Act, cannot similarly be held accountable for misconduct and injuries related to their vaccine products.

### **HHS CONFLICTED FROM ASSURING VACCINE SAFETY**

**3. HHS Must Defend Against Any Claim of Vaccine Injury.** After eliminating liability for pharmaceutical companies, the 1986 Act established the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (“Vaccine Court”), part of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, to compensate people injured by vaccines.<sup>6</sup> Under the 1986 Act, HHS is the defendant in Vaccine Court and is legally obligated to defend against any claim that a vaccine causes injury.<sup>7</sup> There is no right to discovery in Vaccine Court and HHS is represented by the formidable resources of the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”).<sup>8</sup> In nearly every case the injured person bears the burden to prove causation.<sup>9</sup> Despite these hurdles, since 1986, HHS has paid over \$4 billion for vaccine injuries.<sup>10</sup>

**4. HHS Incriminates Itself if it Publishes or Admits a Vaccine Can Cause Harm.** If HHS publishes any study supporting that a vaccine causes a harm, that study will then be used

against HHS in Vaccine Court.<sup>11</sup> This greatly limits HHS's incentive to publish safety studies.

**5. CDC's Childhood Vaccine Schedule Was Created by Pharma Insiders.** Congress has repeatedly found that the members of the FDA and CDC committees responsible for approving most of the currently licensed and recommended childhood vaccines had serious conflicts of interests with pharmaceutical companies.<sup>12</sup>

#### **VACCINE SAFETY: CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS**

**6. HHS Fails to Perform Basic Vaccine Safety Requirements.** After eliminating the market forces that assured vaccine safety, Congress made HHS directly responsible for vaccine safety pursuant to a section of the 1986 Act entitled the "Mandate for safer childhood vaccines."<sup>13</sup> As HHS recently conceded in federal court, it has not performed even the basic requirements of this section, such as submitting reports to Congress on how HHS has improved vaccine safety.<sup>14</sup>

**7. Pediatric Vaccine Clinical Trials (i) Lack Placebos and (ii) Are Too Short.** The pivotal clinical trials relied upon to license childhood vaccines do not include a placebo-control group and safety review periods in these clinical trials are typically only days or months.<sup>15</sup> The safety profile for a pediatric vaccine is therefore not known before it is licensed and routinely used in children.<sup>16</sup>

**8. Post-Licensure Safety.** After licensure and use by the public, federal law requires that the package insert for each vaccine include "only those adverse events for which there is some basis to believe there is a causal relationship between the drug and the occurrence of the adverse event."<sup>17</sup> Inserts for childhood vaccines include over one hundred serious immune, neurological and other chronic conditions that their manufacturers had a basis to believe are caused by their vaccines.<sup>18</sup>

**9. Prevalence of Vaccine Harm.** The CDC's Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System ("VAERS"), to which doctors and patients may voluntarily report adverse vaccine events, received 58,381 reports in 2018, including 412 deaths, 1,237 permanent disabilities, and 4,217 hospitalizations.<sup>19</sup> An HHS-funded three-year review by Harvard Medical School of 715,000 patients stated that "fewer than 1% of vaccine adverse events are reported" to VAERS.<sup>20</sup> This could mean there are a hundredfold more adverse vaccine events than are reported to VAERS. The CDC has nonetheless refused to mandate or automate VAERS reporting.<sup>21</sup>

**10. Children Susceptible to Vaccine Injury.** While the Institute of Medicine ("IOM") has explained that "most individuals who experience an adverse reaction to vaccines have a preexisting susceptibility," HHS and CDC have failed to conduct studies to identify children susceptible to vaccine harms while at the same time recommending vaccines for all children.<sup>22</sup>

**11. Carcinogenicity, Mutagenicity & Infertility.** Most vaccines have never been evaluated for their potential to cause cancer, mutate genes or cause infertility.<sup>23</sup>

**12. Autism.** Autism is the most controversial of the claimed vaccine injuries and the one HHS and CDC declare they have thoroughly studied. Most parents with autistic children claim vaccines (including DTaP, Hep B, Hib, PCV13, and IPV, each injected 3 times by 6 months) are a cause of their child's autism.<sup>24</sup> The CDC tells these parents that "Vaccines Do Not Cause Autism."<sup>25</sup> However, there is no science to support this claim for almost all vaccines. For example, reports from the IOM in 1991 and 2012, and HHS in 2014, tried but failed to identify any study to support that DTaP does not cause autism.<sup>26</sup> The same is true for Hep B, Hib, PCV 13, and IPV.<sup>27</sup> The only vaccine actually studied with regard to autism is MMR, and a Senior CDC Scientist claims the CDC did find an increased rate of autism after MMR in the only MMR/autism study ever conducted by the CDC with American children.<sup>28</sup> Moreover, HHS's primary autism expert in Vaccine Court recently provided an affidavit explaining that vaccines can cause autism in some children.<sup>29</sup> Given the lack of studies regarding vaccines and autism, it should come as no surprise that there is a dearth of scientific studies that support the CDC's other claims regarding vaccine safety.

**13. HHS Refuses to Conduct Vaccinated Vs. Unvaccinated Studies of Vaccine Schedule.** A true epidemic in the U.S. is the fact that 1 in 2 children have an autoimmune, developmental, neurological, or chronic disorder.<sup>30</sup> These conditions have sharply risen in lock-step with the increases in the CDC's recommended vaccine schedule.<sup>31</sup> That schedule has risen from 7 injections of just 2 vaccines in 1986 to the current total of 50 injections of 12 different vaccines.<sup>32</sup> The need to compare health outcomes of vaccinated and unvaccinated children is urgent. In 2017, a seminal study found that babies receiving the DTP vaccine died at 10 times the rate of unvaccinated babies.<sup>33</sup> In another study, children received influenza vaccine or a saline placebo; while both groups had a similar rate of influenza, the vaccinated group had a 440% increased rate of non-influenza infections.<sup>34</sup> A recent pilot study from the School of Public Health at Jackson State University found that 33% of vaccinated preterm babies had a neuro-developmental disorder compared to 0% of the unvaccinated preterm babies; and vaccinated children in this study had an in-



creased risk of 290% for eczema, 390% for allergies, 420% for ADHD, 420% for autism, and 520% for learning disabilities.<sup>35</sup> Nonetheless, HHS and CDC refuse to publish any studies comparing the health outcomes between vaccinated and unvaccinated children.<sup>36</sup>

## **MMR VACCINE**

**14. Measles is a Mild Childhood Illness.** The mortality rate from measles declined by over 98% between 1900 and 1962 as living conditions improved in this country.<sup>37</sup> In 1962, a year before the first measles vaccine, the CDC reported a total of 408 deaths.<sup>38</sup> That amounts to 1 in 500,000 Americans at a time when measles infected nearly every American.<sup>39</sup>

**15. Eliminating Measles Has Increased Cancer Rates.** Eliminating measles has increased cancer rates. For example, the International Agency for Research on Cancer found that individuals who never had measles had a 66% increased rate of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and a 233% increased rate of Hodgkin Lymphoma.<sup>40</sup> Combined, these cancers killed 20,960 Americans in 2018.<sup>41</sup> As another example, individuals who never had measles, mumps or rubella had a 50% increased rate of ovarian cancer.<sup>42</sup> In 2018, ovarian cancer killed 14,070 Americans.<sup>43</sup> Eliminating measles in this country has caused more deaths from cancer.

**16. Eliminating Measles Has Increased Heart Disease.** A 22-year prospective study of over 100,000 individuals in Japan revealed that “measles and mumps, especially in case of both infections, were associated with lower risks of mortality from atherosclerotic CVD [heart disease].”<sup>44</sup> Heart disease killed 610,000 Americans in 2018.<sup>45</sup> Eliminating our ecological relationship with measles, mumps and rubella has had serious unintended consequences.

**17. Side Effects From MMR Vaccine.** The MMR vaccine has serious risks. For example, the MMR vaccine causes seizures in about 1 in 640 children, five times the rate from measles, as well as “thrombocytopenic purpura,” “chronic arthritis,” and “brain damage.”<sup>46</sup> However, because the MMR was not licensed based on a placebo-controlled clinical trial and post-licensure studies are limited, there are many suspected harms the CDC has yet to confirm or rule out, such as those listed on Merck’s package insert for the MMR.<sup>47</sup>

**18. Waning Immunity.** While the vaccination rate for measles in the United States has been stable over the last 20 years, what has changed is that Americans who have had measles (which confers lifetime immunity) are being replaced by those vaccinated with

MMR (which does not typically confer lifetime immunity).<sup>48</sup> MMR produces no immunity in 2% to 10% of vaccinees; and 22 years after two doses of MMR approximately 33% of vaccinees are again potentially susceptible to measles.<sup>49</sup> The proportion after 30 years is even higher.<sup>50</sup> Yet the only focus is on children whose parents have reason to believe the MMR may cause them harm, while ignoring the efficacy issues with this vaccine.

## **OTHER VACCINES**

**19. DTaP Vaccine.** According to the FDA, those vaccinated with DTaP will have fewer symptoms of pertussis, but will become infected and transmit pertussis, and “will be more susceptible to pertussis throughout their lifetimes.”<sup>51</sup> This means the children vaccinated for pertussis are more likely to catch and spread pertussis as asymptomatic carriers, while the unvaccinated are less likely to catch pertussis (and when they do will have symptoms and know to stay home).<sup>52</sup> Since pertussis is very common and more of a concern than measles, as long as children vaccinated for pertussis are permitted to attend school, children not vaccinated for measles should also be permitted to attend school. In any event, the immunity provided by DTaP for pertussis, tetanus, and diphtheria wanes within a few years.<sup>53</sup>

**20. Inactivated Polio Vaccine.** For the last 20 years, the only polio vaccine used in the U.S. is inactivated polio vaccine (“IPV”), which is injected intramuscularly, after it was determined that the oral polio vaccine can cause paralysis.<sup>54</sup> Polio is spread through fecal to oral contamination, and IPV does not prevent colonization and transmission of polio; it only potentially prevents polio from traveling to the spinal column.<sup>55</sup> Hence, those vaccinated or not vaccinated with IPV can equally become infected and transmit polio; but, it is the vaccinated who are considered less likely to have symptoms and thus more likely to spread polio.

**21. Chicken Pox Vaccine.** Children vaccinated for chicken pox can spread chicken pox virus for six weeks after vaccination.<sup>56</sup> Moreover, the immunity from this vaccine wanes and, absent natural boosting from exposure to chicken pox virus, can lead to shingles.<sup>57</sup> The increased risk of shingles from use of this vaccine is why countries, such as the United Kingdom, have not added it to their routine vaccine schedule.<sup>58</sup>

**22. Note.** There are additional efficacy and safety issues with the above vaccines and other vaccines not addressed due to space constraints. For example, aluminum adjuvant particles in vaccines, which animal studies reveal deposit in brain and bones, or the millions of

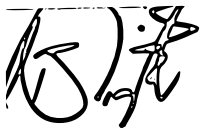
snippets of human DNA cultured from the cell lines of aborted fetuses in certain vaccines.  
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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The foregoing highlights a few of the vaccine safety and efficacy issues necessitating the need for informed consent for vaccination and the ability to openly criticize our vaccine policies. At the least, the following should occur before censoring concerns regarding vaccine safety:

- a. Vaccine safety duties should be removed entirely from HHS and placed into an independent board;**
- b. Pharmaceutical companies should be liable for injuries caused by their vaccine products; and**
- c. The childhood vaccine schedule and each vaccine should be safety tested in a properly sized long-term placebo-controlled clinical trial.**

Sincerely,



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**CEO, Informed Consent Action Network**

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**HB-2459**

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Comments:

**Statement of Support for HB 2459:**

**Adding Conscientious Vaccine Exemptions in Hawaii**

Presented to the House Committee on Health for Public Hearing on 2/6/2020 at 8:45 am

By Dawn Richardson, Director of Advocacy  
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The National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) is a nonprofit charity founded in 1982 to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths through public education. NVIC advocates for protection of the human right to informed consent to medical risk taking and inclusion of flexible medical, religious and conscientious belief vaccine exemptions in U.S. public health policies and laws. **We strongly support HB 2459 and urge your support as well.**

**HB 2459 repairs limited and dysfunctional vaccine exemptions for children.**

**HB 2459 adds a conscientious vaccine exemption for children.**

A conscientious exemption is needed for many reasons, but the most pressing reason is because the state [Department of Health amended HAR 11-157](#) to drastically expand vaccine mandates for children entering childcare or school beginning July 1, 2020. This action added additional mandates for Hepatitis A Vaccine (2 doses), Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) (4 doses), Rotavirus Vaccine (3 doses), Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) (2 doses), Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV) (2 doses) and Tdap Vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) (1 dose). This is a mandated expansion of 14 doses of 6 vaccines!

Hawaii should not mandate one-size-fits-all federal recommendations. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes [recommendations](#) only. It is only a federal advisory committee, not a lawmaking body.

Vaccine exemptions need to be expanded and preserved to ensure that parents have a choice in the many vaccines mandated now and coming in the future. America's biopharmaceutical research companies are [developing more than 260 vaccines](#). The

[U.S. Vaccine Market](#) alone was \$36.45 billion in 2018, and is expected to reach \$50.42 billion by 2023. This is a very powerful industry with lots of resources to lobby and influence policy to add more mandates. The industry benefits financially from forced use.

Parents should have the final say in what vaccines their children receive because vaccines cause injuries and deaths for some and manufactures and doctors have no liability. The United States Government has paid out more than [\\$4 billion dollars to vaccine victims](#) through the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program \(VICP\)](#). The law passed by Congress in 1986 establishing the VICP along with the 2011 Supreme Court Decision [BRUESEWITZ ET AL. v. WYETH LLC, FKA WYETH, INC., ET AL](#) shield vaccines manufacturers and the doctors who administer vaccines from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths.

Vaccines sometimes fail to provide individuals with even short-term protection from infection. [Measles, pertussis, influenza, and mumps](#) vaccines are four examples. Fully vaccinated children and adults can and do transmit infections to others. Parents need legislative protection to do their own benefit and risk analysis for their own children.

### **HB 2459 ensures the current religious exemption includes sincere personal religious beliefs.**

Religious belief exemptions should not be restricted to a specific religion or tenant. The [change in rules warp the interpretation of the current religious exemption](#) to be an all or nothing exemption, only applying to those whose “religious beliefs prohibit the practice of immunization” and “requests for religious exemptions based on objections to specific immunizing agents will not be granted.” These restrictions are not in statute but are now the law because the rules were adopted. Religious freedom, including the right to personally hold sincere religious beliefs, is guaranteed by the United States Constitution. In the health department’s [response](#) to concerns raised about the religious belief exemption, they quoted restrictive religious belief language that states, “*The parent/guardian must certify that immunizations are not in accordance with the religious tenants of his or her established church.*” Such restrictions of religious exemptions have been found to be unconstitutional. Passage of HB 2459 would force the health department to rewrite rules on religious exemptions to comply with statute.

### **HB 2459 broadens the criteria for a medical exemption for children to allow doctors greater flexibility to protect their patients from vaccine reactions and undoes the harmful restrictions placed on medical exemptions by amended HAR-11-157.**

Vaccine reactions are unpredictable and the state shouldn’t be interfering with the doctor–patient relationship and the doctor’s decision on what is best for the health of their patient. The current medical exemption statute requires doctors to certify that the administration of a vaccine “would endanger the child’s life or health.” Instead, HB 2459 amends this language and allows for a medical exemption to be written for when “the

administration of one or any combination of vaccinations could endanger the child's life or health." HB 2459 allows doctors to write exemptions based on their professional opinion on how to best protect the health of their patients, rather than requiring the doctor to certify they know the future.

Amended HAR 11-157 goes outside of the scope of the statute and further restricts medical exemptions by requiring medical exemptions to be restricted to a "form or format specified by the department" and that "the child has a stated contraindication" "for a specific period of time in conformance with recognized standard medical practices." To see what the recognized standard medical practice considers reason for a medical exemption, see pages [52 through 57](#) of the exhibits presented by the department for the rule change.

State public health employees should not have power to go outside the scope of the law and override the judgment of private physicians to protect their patients.

### **HB 2459 adds a conscientious and religious exemptions for adults.**

HB 2459 would protect adults from having their employers take adverse action against an employee or an applicant based on their vaccination status.

[Title VII of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) protects employees from religious discrimination, harassment, and loss of employment. [Religious beliefs](#) are defined to include theistic beliefs (i.e. those that include a belief in God) as well as non-theistic "moral or ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong which are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views".

[U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission lawsuits](#) have been filed when employees have been fired or applicants were not hired for refusing the flu vaccine. These lawsuits have resulted in [reinstatement, back pay and punitive damages](#). Some examples are - [St. Vincent Health Center](#), [Memorial Healthcare](#), [Mission Hospital](#), [Memorial Healthcare](#)) However, lawsuits are costly and time consuming. Employees should not have to file a lawsuit in order to have their rights upheld and protected.

The US Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) allows employees to decline [Hepatitis B Vaccines](#). [OSHA and many labor unions](#) also oppose annual influenza vaccination policies that do not include religious and/or personal objection exemptions.

The CDC makes recommendations for [adult vaccinations](#), including flu vaccines for employees working in health care facilities. While there are federal reporting requirements ([CMS](#)) and [stated goals for adult vaccination levels](#), mandates are not made at the federal level. Many states have [laws or administrative rules](#) that only require flu vaccines be offered with the ability to decline vaccination.



There are many reasons an individual employee may choose to decline a vaccine in addition to sincerely held religious beliefs. There are serious [safety concerns](#) and concerns about the [effectiveness](#) of the vaccine.

**HB 2459 protects public and individual health in an epidemic by allowing for home quarantine as an alternative to forced vaccination.**

It is un-American to involuntarily quarantine law abiding citizens against their will in a place other than their own home. Hawaii residents deserve the freedom to protect themselves from the harmful side effects of vaccines while still obeying public health orders for quarantine in the safe environment of their own residence. Group quarantine facilities can put healthy people quarantined at risk of exposure to contagious disease from someone else who is in the incubation period of a disease but has not yet developed symptoms.

The right of self-quarantine in one's residence, in lieu of compliance with an otherwise mandatory vaccine is especially important in consideration of the facts that:

- there is no guarantee that the deliberate introduction of killed or live microorganisms or drugs through vaccines into the body of a healthy person will not compromise the health or cause the death of that person either immediately or in the future;
- there is no guarantee that the vaccine ordered will indeed protect a person from a disease;
- informed consent to medical treatment is fundamental in both ethics and law; and
- government employees, doctors and pharmaceutical companies are not legally liable in civil courts for any harm that is done with vaccines mandated during a public health emergency.

**For these reasons, we urge this committee's support of HB 2459.**



**HB-2459**

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**RE: STRONG SUPPORT for HB2459 related to medical autonomy**

Dear Chairman Mizuno and members of the House Committee on Health:

Please pass HB2459 to provide the people of Hawai'i with a conscientious exemption to vaccination.

The right to informed consent is the cornerstone of our medical system, which entails the individual's right to accept or refuse a medical intervention without coercion, and the right of parents to make medical decisions for their children. I do not seek to abolish vaccines for all, but rather ensure the extension of fully informed consent to vaccination—a medical intervention entailing risk to health of the vaccinee, which may result in negative consequences not just to the vaccinee, but to family members and the larger community.

World Health Organization officials at the December 2019 Vaccine Safety Summit in Geneva discussed on-camera that they lack adequate safety research to counter the ballooning numbers of people expressing safety concerns about the practice of vaccination, including healthcare professionals. These discussions were behind closed doors, while their public service announcement urged people to get their vaccines. This duplicitous messaging only foments more distrust in the medical community and public health organizations pushing vaccination as the key to promoting one's health.

We need more transparency by public health officials, to include pathogen strain testing and revealing prior vaccination status of victims during outbreaks of infectious diseases, since vaccine shedding and failure is a peer-reviewed, scientifically supported phenomenon. We need to know the extent to which vaccine failure plays or does not play a role in such outbreaks. The current, typical practice of public health officials leading the charge for the rest of the medical community, calling for everyone to get vaccinated as the answer to solving such health crises, blaming unvaccinated or under-vaccinated, with little or no public discourse on nutritional interventions, is of concern to many people leading to distrust of public health policies including vaccination.

The fact that cumulative studies on health outcomes of the complete CDC-recommended childhood vaccine schedule have NOT been conducted ought to be of concern to our legislators. Nor have vaccines on the childhood schedule undergone INERT placebo safety testing, meaning we do not know the actual risk profile for each vaccine—regardless of what members of the medical community state to the contrary about vaccines being “safe and effective.” How can we know vaccines are effective and safe without comparison studies of vaccinated versus unvaccinated subjects? Such studies are performed in other drug safety and efficacy tests, and they ought to be done for vaccines, as well. Our babies with their immature immune systems are injected with them, and WHO Safety Summit officials **now** admit to not having adequate science? How did they get FDA and ACIP approval for unleashing on the public without adequate science? Conflict-of-interest? **“Our Keiki, Our Future”**

The fact that vaccination is a medical procedure performed on relatively or presumably healthy people, yet has resulted in injury and death for some individuals is not legitimately disputed, as evidenced by the Federal

Government's own Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, which has paid out nearly \$4.3 Billion in claims to date; <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/vaccine-compensation/data/data-statistics-vicp.pdf>

It is immoral to sacrifice the lives and well-being of some for the benefit of others. International law and the Nuremberg Code support the right to informed consent to medical risk-taking and to medical experimentation.

When there is risk, there MUST be choice.

Vaccines, which are liability-free for manufacturers and for those administering them, ought not be treated any differently than other drugs with regard to informed consent. After all, they purportedly alter one's immune system for a lifetime—a complex task, with potential for unintended harm to occur. People must be free to do their own risk versus benefit analysis, with or without consultation by health advisors.

If vaccines were to confer only benefits and no harm, people would not likely be as “hesitant” to take them. Hesitancy is attributable in part to increasing awareness of vaccine failure and adverse events [refer to manufacturer package inserts, on the FDA website; <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/vaccines-licensed-use-united-states>]. [see references].

Some in public health who oppose vaccine exemptions, insisting that “the science is settled on vaccine safety and efficacy,” are guilty of cherry-picking science favoring their pre-determined conclusion. Attached are sources worth considering to challenge that false claim.

It is immoral and hypocritical to deprive a school education or employment to otherwise healthy individuals exercising their right to informed consent who decline vaccinations, while giving a pass to vaccinated individuals who may appear healthy but may be rendered by their vaccines silent carriers of communicable diseases. Furthermore, why are individuals diagnosed with Hepatitis B or HIV conferred more rights to education and medical privacy than those unvaccinated non-carriers of Hepatitis B or HPV?

HB2459 will help rectify the current injustice to those wishing to opt out of vaccination mandates for philosophical or conscientious reasons, while imposing no barrier to those who wish to vaccinate.

*Laurie West,  
Member, Hawaii For Informed Consent*

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**HB-2459**

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Comments:

I strongly support bill HB2459. The United States was built on freedom. Free to chose what they put into their body. The Supreme Court has already ruled that vaccines "are uncontrollably unsafe".

If vaccines are effective than how could a unvaccinated child be a risk to someone vaccinated?

Bill HB 2459 is clearly the right thing to do.



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Re: Hawai'i HB 2459

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS), founded in 1943, a national organization representing physicians in all specialties and all states, supports HB 2459.

While AAPS recognizes the value of vaccination, it opposes vaccine mandates. Informed consent is a bedrock ethical principle in medicine. The right to refuse medical intervention is a basic human right recognized in international law.

Vaccines, like all medical treatments, have risks as well as benefits. These vary with circumstances, including the patient's medical condition.

Simply being unvaccinated does not make a person contagious. An unvaccinated person is likely to be at higher risk of catching a disease if exposed, and only then be capable of infecting others. Isolation or quarantine in the event of an outbreak is an effective alternative to vaccination, and might actually be indicated for vaccinated persons as well because vaccines are not perfectly effective. If a vaccine prevents symptomatic illness, it might still allow transmission of infection to others.

Thus, AAPS favors broad and liberal exemptions to mandates as in HB 2459.

The attached article in our peer-reviewed journal provides background that may be of interest.

Respectfully,

Jane M. Orient, M.D., Executive Director

Attachment, available at: <https://jpands.org/vol24no3/orient.pdf>

# Vaccine Controversies: the Case for Freedom and Informed Consent

Jane M. Orient, M.D.

The most controversial issue that AAPS has ever been involved in is vaccine mandates. The controversy involves a stark confrontation between individual rights and public health, along with many scientific questions.

AAPS policy is based on a resolution passed by the Assembly at the 2000 annual meeting:

WHEREAS: The statement of Patients' Freedoms adopted by the Assembly at the 47th annual meeting of AAPS in 1990 provides that "Patients have the freedom...to refuse medical treatment even if it is recommended by their physician and to be informed about their medical condition, the risks and benefits of treatment, and appropriate alternatives"; and

WHEREAS: There are increasing numbers of mandatory childhood vaccines, to which children are often subjected without meaningful informed consent, including information about potential adverse side effects; and

WHEREAS: Parents who exercise their freedom to refuse one or more vaccines may be subjected to penalties ranging from deprivation of the right to enroll their child in school, to threats of removing the child from parental custody and forcible vaccination; and

WHEREAS: Safety testing of many vaccines is limited and the data are unavailable for independent scrutiny, so that mass vaccination is equivalent to human experimentation and subject to the Nuremberg Code, which requires voluntary informed consent; and

WHEREAS: The process of approving and "recommending" vaccines is tainted with conflicts of interest;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That AAPS calls for a moratorium on vaccine mandates and for physicians to insist upon truly informed consent for the use of vaccines.

In 2007, AAPS organized a "Hands Off Our Kids" coalition to fight Executive Order RP 56 issued by Texas Gov. Rick Perry, which stated: "Rules. The Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner shall adopt rules that mandate the age appropriate vaccination of all female children for HPV [human papilloma virus] prior to admission to the sixth grade."<sup>1</sup> The order incited a firestorm of protest and came to international attention.<sup>2</sup> In May 2007, the Texas Legislature overwhelmingly passed a bill vacating the governor's executive order by a veto-proof margin.<sup>3</sup> During his presidential campaign, Perry called the mandate a "mistake."<sup>4</sup>

There is increasing pressure to add HPV vaccine to the long list of vaccines already mandated for school attendance, and to reduce exemptions for all vaccines. In California, which already eliminated all exemptions except medical ones, proposed legislation would severely constrain permitted contraindications and subject physicians who write for exemptions to intense scrutiny. AAPS has written letters to several state legislatures concerning the need for informed consent for all medical interventions, including vaccines, and a statement to congressional committees opposing federal vaccine mandates.<sup>5</sup> Other than AAPS and a new organization, Physicians for In-

formed Consent (<https://physiciansforinformedconsent.org/>), medical organizations generally do not oppose mandates.

Adult vaccines are likely to be more widely mandated soon, especially in view of outbreaks of measles, pertussis, and mumps in fully vaccinated adults, whose vaccine-induced immunity apparently waned. AAPS members regularly complain to us about influenza vaccine requirements to work in hospitals or other health facilities. One physician withdrew an application for consulting privileges because of a demand to prove immunity or recent vaccination against some 15 different diseases.

The dogma is that "vaccines are safe and effective," and it is our duty to protect the "herd," especially vulnerable, immunosuppressed children, against vaccine-preventable diseases. Raising any question about this is almost certain to trigger vitriolic accusations of being a danger to the community as an "anti-science anti-vaxxer." Nevertheless, serious questions need to be explored with an open, critical mind.

## An Internist's Perspective

As an internist, I recognize that drugs are a critical tool in the fight against disease. Still, the attitude in my residency program at Parkland Memorial Hospital was that "every drug is a new disease" and "any drug can do anything." Despite the billions of dollars that are spent to "prove" safety and effectiveness to gain approval by the Food and Drug Administration, one never, ever says, "Drugs are safe and effective." Remember the miraculous COX-2 inhibitors, among many similar examples? Being a "late adopter" or "hesitant" prescriber does not mean one is "anti-science" or "anti-drug." A drug is "safe enough." The meaning is different for treating cancer or sepsis compared with prehypertension or mild bronchitis. And "effective" means "at least as good as available alternatives" and "of some benefit to some patients." The possibility of drug-drug interactions must always be kept in mind. And if a patient experiences an adverse event after taking a drug, one does not assume that it is a coincidence, even if that reaction is not listed on the package insert.

Vaccines seem to be immune to such considerations. And the manufacturers and physicians who administer compulsory vaccines are immune from liability.

Law professor Mary Holland writes:

...[S]tate and federal laws deprive American school children and their parents of three ordinary tort law protections: free and informed consent to an invasive medical procedure; accurate and complete information about vaccine ingredients and possible side effects; and the right to sue manufacturers and medical practitioners directly in the event of injury. The absence of these legal protections is striking compared to almost all other medical interventions. Because of the perceived overwhelming benefit from vaccines, U.S. federal and state law treat compulsory vaccination of children in a radically different way. Compulsory childhood vaccination is the most salient deviation from the ethical and professional standard of informed consent in civilian medicine.<sup>6</sup>

## The Duty to the “Herd”

The first ethical question is whether one is ever required to risk one's life or health—or the well-being of one's child—to benefit another, or even to save a life?

In the common law of torts, no one can be legally obligated to provide any level of help to another in need. “Tort law expressly indicates that an individual cannot be forced to give up a portion of his liberty to benefit another, no matter how little the cost or how great the benefit.”<sup>7</sup> One's moral obligation is, of course, a different question. And obviously, one may not deliberately harm others or neglect to take reasonable precautions.

The law imposes quarantines to prevent transmission of contagious diseases. This is imperfect protection, as asymptomatic persons may unknowingly infect others. The possibility that a single index case could unleash a deadly epidemic is the rationale for mandatory vaccination. For measles, a 95% vaccination rate is frequently asserted to be necessary for herd immunity to stop outbreaks and shield those who cannot be vaccinated. Let us not forget that vaccination is also imperfect.

The fact that one does not have the right to expose another to disease has apparently expanded to the belief that one is obligated to be maximally vaccinated—as if one could transmit a disease that one does not have. Why else would unvaccinated children be treated as lepers were once treated—excluded from school or even other public spaces? Children as well as parents may be made to feel guilty for being unvaccinated.

An Ohio teenager achieved worldwide fame for testifying before Congress about getting vaccinated against his mother's wishes. “Without vaccination, he said, even his school had come to see him as ‘a health threat.’ That pushed me further to get my vaccines despite my mother's beliefs because I saw the threat as being imposed by her.” He had posted on social media that his parents were misinformed, and “God knows how I'm still alive.”<sup>8</sup> He is the poster boy for a movement to allow minors to consent to vaccines—to protect themselves and the “most vulnerable.” State laws allowing children as young as 12 to consent to vaccines are being promoted.<sup>9</sup>

Accepting the premise that society may coerce and impose risks on some for the benefit of the herd—or allow minors to assume the risk—leads to complex, quantitative questions. Who benefits and how much? Who must suffer and how badly? How much information is needed to make consent truly informed?

## The Smallpox Story

The exalted status of vaccination and the legal precedent for mandates start with smallpox.

When I was a child, almost everyone had a scar from a smallpox vaccination. In 1980, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that the deadly, extremely contagious disease had been eradicated, thanks to its aggressive global surveillance and vaccination campaign: a historic triumph over what some called the worst disease ever known to man. In 1979, WHO recommended that most vaccinations be stopped.

Despite the horrors of the disease, vaccination was controversial from the beginning. At a sponsored workshop at a meeting of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), we were shown an old poster warning that vaccination might turn a person into a cow. (Vaccine at the time was made from cowpox virus.) This was apparently intended to mock today's vaccine skeptics.

In the late 19th century people in Leicester, England, were so opposed to vaccination that 61 parents went to prison rather than allow their babies to be vaccinated.<sup>10</sup> Whether they believed

the threat of turning into a cow is not known, but the vaccine was called “poisonous, filthy, loathsome, damnable stuff.” It was made from pus, and tetanus may have been one of the contaminants.<sup>11</sup> People did die from the vaccine, even the modern version. It has been called “the most dangerous vaccine known to man.”<sup>12</sup>

Despite the Compulsory Vaccination Act of 1853 in England, there were outbreaks in 1854, 1855, and 1856, culminating in the Great Outbreak of 1871, with 42,000 deaths.<sup>10</sup> The town of Leicester, which developed a method of quarantine rather than vaccination, fared better than other similar towns.<sup>13</sup>

In an 1889 book, Alfred R. Wallace wrote that since vaccination was both useless and dangerous, “the enforcement of vaccination by fine and imprisonment of unwilling parents is a cruel and criminal despotism, which it behooves all true friends of humanity to denounce and oppose at every opportunity.”<sup>14</sup> Of course, today's manufacturing procedures are far more sophisticated, and vaccines are not contaminated with organisms that can cause tetanus or syphilis.

In the early 1900s, Massachusetts imposed a vaccine mandate in response to a smallpox outbreak, with a fine of \$5 (about \$125 today). This was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1905 case of *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, the case that serves as a precedent for all vaccine mandates.<sup>15</sup>

The Court did not give states blind deference. The Court's paradigm was clear, writes Mary Holland: a mandate in “an emergency”; when there was “imminent danger”; and when an “epidemic that imperiled an entire population.” It cautioned, however, against the potential abuse of police power. Also, the Court expressly created a medical exemption from vaccination, when a person was not a fit subject for vaccination and it “would be cruel and inhuman in the last degree” to vaccinate him. Because of *Jacobson*, medical exemptions exist in all 50 states.<sup>6</sup>

Beginning in 1916, judicial interpretations of *Jacobson* started to broaden, to include the implied power to prevent epidemics, not simply to respond to existing ones. Courts have given great deference to legislatures and agencies, and potential plaintiffs opposing vaccination mandates presumably considered direct challenges futile. Instead, since the 1960s when states began to compel children to receive six or more vaccines in multiple doses, litigation has centered on exemptions. Courts have upheld extreme penalties for noncompliance, including loss of education, social isolation, parents' loss of custodial rights, child neglect sanctions against parents, and even forced vaccination.<sup>6</sup>

Compulsion has been considered proper in balancing individual rights against public health. In *Prince v. Massachusetts*, the U.S. Supreme Court highlighted “the interest of the child to be free of a preventable disease.”<sup>16</sup>

Since one dread disease had been vanquished, public health authorities set their sights on eradicating others as well, beginning with polio and measles. Diseases once considered inevitable would become preventable, they promised.

There is one problem remaining with smallpox. The virus is not actually extinct, but survives in high-security freezers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta and in Moscow—and probably in biological weapons. A possible attack with such weapons is not a conspiracy theory; it was the scenario in the Dark Winter exercise held at Andrews Air Force Base in June 2001.<sup>17</sup> The exercise projected 3 million cases and 1 million deaths in the fourth generation of smallpox cases, 2 months after an attack. Some scientists said the Dark Winter assumptions were overly pessimistic, and others said the outcome could be worse. Thanks to our celebrated triumph over smallpox, the current population is likely as susceptible as the Native Americans, who were devastated when Europeans, who had some immunity, brought the disease to the New World.



We hope that our remaining stockpiles of vaccine will still be effective. AAPS petitioned the CDC for better preparedness, including voluntary vaccination.<sup>19</sup>

The long-term consequences of vaccination include potential recrudescence of a disease as immunity wanes, its emergence in a more virulent form, or its replacement with something worse.

### Calculating Risks and Benefits

No one claims that vaccines are 100% safe and effective. The assertion is that “the risk of the diseases in question is an order of magnitude larger than the very rare chance that a modern vaccine will cause a serious, long-term problem.”<sup>16</sup>

One may cite, for example, the CDC’s estimate of a 1 in 1,000 risk of encephalitis, a 2 in 1,000 risk of death, or a 1 in 1,700 to 1 in 3,300 risk of long-delayed subacute sclerosing panencephalitis from measles.<sup>16</sup> The glaring statistical fallacy is failure to recognize that these are *conditional* probabilities. They must be multiplied by the risk of getting measles, which is near zero in most areas of the U.S. today. On the other hand, the risk of complications of a vaccine applies to everyone who receives the vaccine.

Notably, the risks of disease complications today, for measles, rubella, and chickenpox, are much higher than in pre-vaccination days, perhaps largely because in the shift in age distribution toward infants and adults.<sup>20</sup>

Just what is the probability of a “very rare” complication? And what is meant by “serious”? Very costly regulations are passed to protect children from certain risks—such as a hypothetical but small, perhaps unmeasurable decline in IQ from lead in paint chips that they might eat. A risk as low as 1 in 10,000 or even less might be considered unacceptable to allow, much less mandate.<sup>10</sup> How much of a risk of loss of language, paralysis, unmanageable behavior problems, seizures, or autoimmune disorders can a child be mandated to take to protect the herd or hypothetical other children from the risk of a “preventable” disease in the event of an outbreak? This question must be addressed.

And what risks should physicians mention to patients? A non-zero risk of serious, long-term disability is likely to cause “vaccine hesitancy,” which WHO has named one of the top ten global public health threats in 2019.<sup>21</sup>

There are many vexing questions. What is an acceptable risk to the patient or parent? How high a risk can society require a person to take for the greater good? Can society demand that a person prove that a risk exists before exempting him from a vaccine? Or is it the responsibility of authorities to demonstrate that a risk is less than a certain threshold? What is the standard of proof? What constitutes evidence?

A series of case reports that might constitute evidence or even “proof beyond a reasonable doubt” in a legal sense, as in the famous Brides in the Bath case,<sup>22</sup> may be dismissed as “anecdotes,” labeled “misinformation,” and even suppressed if considered to cause vaccine hesitancy. Absence of evidence in the form of long-term, placebo-controlled studies of adequate power to rule out an uncommon delayed effect is treated as evidence of absence. Pertinent material, such as details of settlements in the Office of Special Masters of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, popularly known as “vaccine court,” are sealed. So how can one really know the risks?

### An Epidemic of Doubt

According to a survey of 2,000 adults funded by the American Osteopathic Association, 45% cited at least one source that caused doubt about vaccine safety, most commonly from on-

line articles or distrust of the pharmaceutical industry. While the majority had a favorable view of vaccines (31% said “I think the benefits of vaccination outweigh the potential risks of vaccine side effects,” and 51% said “I think vaccines are safe and effective”), 9% were unsure of whether vaccines are safe and effective, 6% think the “risks of vaccine side effects outweigh the potential benefits of vaccination,” and 2% think vaccines are “unsafe and ineffective.”<sup>23</sup>

Americans are more trusting than others. In France, 33% of 1,000 respondents answered “no” to the question of whether vaccines are safe. The percentage was 24% in Russia, 22% in Switzerland, and 21% in Austria.<sup>24</sup>

This doubt is considered a public health threat, and family physician Paul Ehrmann, D.O., like many others, declines to accept new patients who refuse to vaccinate. “People know that a lot of practices won’t accept patients who don’t vaccinate, so when they find one that will, they spread the word to their community that it’s a safe place. Whether intentional or not, those doctors are often seen as endorsing anti-vaxxer beliefs,” Dr. Ehrmann said. “Policy changes are likely the most effective means to change behaviors, if not hearts and minds.”<sup>23</sup>

The source of the doubt, which is purportedly responsible for the return of measles, is said to be “America’s ailing culture.” According to commentator Peter Beinart in *The Atlantic*, people lack historical memory, are more concerned about their own child than the collective, and have diminished trust in government and medical experts.<sup>25</sup>

“Vaccines are a victim of their own success,” stated epidemiologist Saad Omer to the U.S. Senate Committee on Health Education Labor & Pensions (HELP).<sup>26</sup> Fears of a comeback of “horrible” childhood diseases, with “millions” dying—as indeed they did before better nutrition and sanitation in this country and still do in Third-World countries—are prevalent in the medical community, according to Omer. I lived through those bad old pre-vaccine days. Most children, including my sisters and me, got the childhood diseases, which were accepted as a rite of passage. Dire consequences were rare enough that we did not hear of them. What we also did not see or hear about was autism, EpiPens® in school because of life-threatening food allergies, severe asthma attacks, and high rates of learning disabilities. Whether the constantly growing number of vaccines might be related is a question many parents are raising. It is hard to argue that children are on the whole healthier than in 1950, even though they seldom get chickenpox or measles.

Government-funded studies of health outcomes in unvaccinated children versus vaccinated children have not been reported and have probably not been done. A pilot study of a convenience sample of home-schooled children showed that, based on mother’s recollection, vaccinated children were more likely to have been diagnosed with pneumonia, otitis media, or a neurodevelopment disorder.<sup>27</sup> The study is obviously limited; further investigation is needed.

A compendium of abstracts on relative risks of specific conditions in children who did or did not receive specific vaccines is available from Children’s Health Defense.<sup>28</sup>

What about a link between measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine and autism? Wakefield et al. suggested investigating the possibility in 1998, based on parental observations related to their autistic children who were suffering bowel symptoms.<sup>29</sup> This incited a storm of objections, and assertions that “overwhelming evidence,” most importantly the 2002 Danish study by Madsen et al.,<sup>30</sup> which was critiqued in this journal,<sup>31</sup> disproved such a link. Nevertheless, it was not until 2019 that a study<sup>32</sup> including an “unvaccinated” control group appeared. The control group had not yet been vaccinated *with MMR* at the time of an autism

diagnosis. Brian Hooker<sup>33</sup> pointed out a number of flaws in the study. It does not have adequate power to rule out a risk as high as 1 in 10,000.

Discerning physicians and parents are not content with generalized reminiscences or blanket statements that “vaccines do not cause autism, sudden infant death syndrome, or sterility” (claims now banned by Facebook policy<sup>34</sup>). It is impossible to prove a universal negative—and is the statement refuted by finding an example? Apparently not, because a causal relation cannot be proved. There are many stories of severely damaged children who were allegedly thriving until receiving a vaccine. Parents bring them to legislative hearings, and post stories, photographs, and videos online. Are they fake, or attempts to blame a vaccine for a pre-existing condition, or the result of some undiagnosed disease? Glib reference to “overwhelming evidence” or “decades of vaccine science” does not address the concern. Specifics are needed, and evidence that can place an upper bound on the probability that this could happen to *your* child.

### Vaccine Safety Studies and After-Market Surveillance

For any drug or vaccine, it is impossible to rule out rare but devastating complications in pre-market studies. These may occur only long after a study is complete. Post-licensure surveillance is essential.

The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (P.L. 99-660), passed in 1986, required the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to consult with the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to conduct a review of the scientific literature related to a set of serious adverse events following immunizations recommended for use in children. The vast majority of conclusions in the report state that the evidence was inadequate to accept or reject a causal relationship between the vaccine and the effect.<sup>35</sup>

The rapid safety-signal detection for rare adverse events from vaccines is the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), to which anyone can file a report at <https://vaers.hhs.gov>. It is a passive system; reporting is not required. Its limitations include reporting bias, inconsistent quality, inability to assess causation, and incomplete ascertainment.

How incomplete is it? A study was conducted by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care between June 2006 and October 2009, involving 715,000 patients. During this time, 1.4 million doses of 45 different vaccines were given to 376,452 individuals. Of these doses, 35,570 possible reactions (2.6% of vaccinations) were identified. It was calculated that fewer than 1% of vaccine adverse events are reported: The CDC states that it receives only 30,000 reports per year, of which 10% to 15% are “serious”—resulting in “permanent disability, hospitalization, life-threatening illness, or death.”<sup>36</sup> Researchers stated that “there was never an opportunity to perform system performance assessments because the necessary CDC contacts were no longer available and the CDC consultants responsible for receiving data were no longer responsive to our multiple requests to proceed with testing and evaluation.”<sup>37</sup>

In other words, there may be as many as 450,000 serious adverse events occurring after vaccination in the U.S. every year. While CDC asserts that these “are rarely caused by the vaccine,”<sup>36</sup> the IOM has called the evidence inadequate in most cases to rule out causality.

Ten years after the Harvard Pilgrim study, we have no better information about the completeness of reporting.

### What Is in Vaccines?

Labels on food must list ingredients, and package inserts

list ingredients in vaccines, but patients may not find them accessible. A bill proposed in the Arizona Legislature in 2019 would have required physicians, as part of informed consent, to provide the benefits and risks of each vaccine, the manufacturer’s package insert, and how to report a vaccine-adverse event.<sup>38</sup> The measure was strongly opposed by the Arizona Medical Association, which stated in an email to its members that the bill “will have the effect of scaring parents and reducing the number of vaccinations.” The “‘Big Government’ intrusion into the physician-patient relationship” was purportedly worsened by requiring information on “how to make a claim through the National Vaccination Injury Compensation Program.”<sup>39</sup>

Patients might indeed be frightened by a list of ingredients, especially as people are taught to fear minuscule amounts of “chemicals,” such as formaldehyde, which is generated naturally by human metabolism. But there are ingredients of concern.

### Human Fetal DNA

The human diploid cell lines (e.g. WI-38<sup>40</sup> and MRC-5) used to produce many common vaccines have their origin in induced abortions. These vaccines include rubella, measles, mumps, rabies, polio, smallpox, hepatitis A, chickenpox, and herpes zoster. Many others are in the pipeline.<sup>41</sup>

Some may try to base a request for a religious exemption on grounds analogous to the “fruit of the poisoned tree” legal doctrine, or to scruples about using the findings of Nazi medical research. Established religious authorities, however, including the Roman Catholic Church, say it is morally acceptable to use products derived from remote abortions for a serious reason such as protecting life and health.<sup>42</sup> Some jurisdictions in the U.S. fail to recognize the primacy of the individual conscience, a belief firmly held by our Founders, many of whom were religious dissenters and came to the New World seeking freedom to practice their faith.

There might be health as well as moral considerations. Vaccines contain fragments of human fetal DNA, which some suggest may become incorporated into host DNA. They also contain fragments of human endogenous retrovirus K (HERV-K).<sup>43</sup> A suggested mechanism whereby this might be harmful is disputed.<sup>44</sup> Statistical analysis of change points in the rising incidence of autism reportedly correspond to the replacement of vaccines cultured in animal cells with those cultured in human cell lines, but not to changes in diagnostic criteria.<sup>43,45,46</sup>

### Viruses

Live virus vaccines contain “attenuated” viruses that have been passed through cell cultures to obtain a virus that maintains immunogenicity for the wild virus while mutating into a less virulent form. (Of course, there is also the possibility that mutation could make an innocuous virus more virulent.)

“From early- to mid-twentieth century, directing the evolution of the world’s most dangerous viruses through various animal species and gentling them as a rancher would a wild horse, was the holy grail of medicine,” write Kent Heckenlively, J.D., and Judy Mikovits, Ph.D. “The question that would haunt researchers...was whether in the attempt to conquer one disease a researcher might inadvertently create another.”<sup>47</sup>

Animal cells in cell cultures used to make vaccines contain many viruses, most of which are apparently harmless, at least in that species. Vaccines have been found to be contaminated with many viruses or viral DNA, such as the SV-40 virus in early polio vaccines.<sup>48</sup> In 2011, molecular biologist Judy Mikovits announced a discovery that at least 30% of our vaccines are contaminated with gammaretroviruses, and that these viruses are linked to autism, myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome,



and other neurologic diseases. Her career, unlike that of other early investigators of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), was destroyed.<sup>47</sup>

Might an internist be tempted to think: “Every virus is a new disease,” or “any virus can do anything”? This would be an overstatement, but consider how the generally innocuous Zika virus is identified as the cause of microcephaly, and HIV, which virologist Peter Duesberg has called a “harmless passenger virus,” as responsible for the AIDS epidemic. Parenthetically, note that the presence of antibodies to HIV is used to diagnose the condition, but antibodies are not protective, as it is the lack of T-cell immunity that allows the characteristic opportunistic infections. The presence of antibodies is used as evidence for vaccine-induced immunity, as one cannot ethically expose test subjects to the disease. How reliable is this evidence?

### **Aluminum**

Most vaccines today contain aluminum adjuvants. This is generally accepted to be safe, because of the very small quantity, although aluminum is a known neurotoxin. The important amount, however, is not just the amount administered, but the amount that gets concentrated in the brain or other tissue, and the immune reactions that small quantities may trigger.

An “emerging” inflammatory myopathy called macrophagic myofasciitis (MMF) was described in 1998.<sup>49</sup> In addition to the chronic fatigue and myalgias, up to 20% of patients develop a concurrent condition believed to be of autoimmune etiology, such as Hashimoto thyroiditis, dermatomyositis, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren syndrome, or a demyelinating condition.<sup>50</sup> Cognitive complaints occur in 20% to 68%, and cognitive dysfunction can be severe.<sup>51</sup> MMF may be part of the autoimmune/inflammatory syndrome induced by adjuvants (ASIA) proposed in 2011.<sup>52</sup>

Aluminum adjuvants were discovered empirically in 1926, but much is unknown about their mechanism of action.<sup>53</sup> There is increasing concern that the same components of the neuroimmune axis that play key roles in brain development and immune function are heavily targeted by aluminum adjuvants, possibly leading to permanent detrimental alterations of the brain and immune function.<sup>54</sup>

Shaw and Tomljenovic report that a highly significant correlation exists between the number of pediatric aluminum-adjuvanted vaccines administered and the rate of autism spectrum disorders. The correlation was the strongest at 3–4 months of age, a period of rapid growth of the child’s central nervous system, including the regions of the brain responsible for short-term memory, social interactions, and sleep regulation, functions that are impaired in autism.<sup>55</sup>

In addition to their own adverse effects, aluminum and thimerosal may have synergistic toxicity.<sup>56</sup>

### **Other Adjuvants**

Modern vaccines that use pure recombinant or synthetic antigens are less immunogenic than the older live or killed whole-cell vaccines. Thus, an adjuvant, an agent to stimulate the immune system, is needed. Since the stimulus is nonspecific, undesirable autoimmunity can also be provoked. Giving multiple injections at one time means multiplying the dose of the adjuvants, possibly accounting for the higher incidence of adverse reactions noted by Neil Z. Miller.<sup>57</sup>

With few exceptions, alum is the only adjuvant approved for use in human vaccines. Safer, nontoxic adjuvants are needed, as well as compounds that stimulate cellular as well as antibody responses.<sup>58</sup>

### **An Epidemic of Distrust**

Vaccine hesitancy is a manifestation of growing public

distrust of public health authorities and organized medicine. The controversy over the HPV vaccine may bring this to a head. Despite intense promotion by manufacturers, vaccine uptake is less than desired. Reports of devastating disability or death in healthy, active children and teenagers following this vaccine will not go away.

The CDC declares HPV vaccines to be “very safe” and effective in preventing HPV-related cancer. The Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) conducted a study of 13 deaths occurring within 30 days following Gardasil® identified by participating health plans. Researchers concluded that the risk of death was not increased during the 30 days following vaccination and that no deaths were to be causally associated with vaccination after clinical review.<sup>59</sup>

However, controversy over this vaccine has caused an upheaval at the Cochrane Collaboration, noted as a beacon for objective, transparent, evidence-based science, which expelled Peter Gøtzsche, who was co-founder and director of the Nordic Cochrane Centre. Gøtzsche and two coauthors had published a scathing attack on a Cochrane review about the efficacy of HPV vaccines, saying it “was incomplete and ignored important evidence of bias.”<sup>60</sup> The board stated that Gøtzsche had a “consistent pattern of disruptive and inappropriate behaviours.” Four board members resigned in protest of the expulsion.<sup>61</sup>

Despite the triumphal narrative about the “anti-cancer vaccine,” FDA and WHO have received more than 100,000 reports of adverse events, including death, from around the world. Families who report them are labeled “antivaccine” and “antiscience” by media and government agencies. “This marginalization and bullying destroys civil public discourse and discourages scientific inquiry, when we urgently need both,” write Mary Holland, J.D., and coauthors.<sup>62</sup>

Distrust is highly prevalent in the Third World: “The global initiative to eradicate polio is badly stuck.” In Pakistan, opposition to the vaccine campaign has gone underground since the government started to jail noncompliant parents several years ago, with parents hiding their children or using fake finger markings to pretend they have been vaccinated. Deadly attacks on vaccinators and their police escorts are on the rise. It is acknowledged that oral polio vaccine-derived virus paralyzed 105 children worldwide in 2018; the wild virus, only 33. WHO intends to stop the use of the oral polio vaccine once the wild virus is gone, but the killed virus vaccine is said not to be powerful enough to quash an outbreak. Meanwhile, with oral vaccine strain mOPV2 in Africa, virologist Mark Pallansch of CDC said, “We have now created more new emergences of the virus than we have stopped.” But Michel Zaffran of WHO, who heads the global initiative, stated, “We have to live with the risk until we have a technical solution.”<sup>63</sup> African parents may have a different perspective.

### **The Consequences for Freedom and Human Rights**

Many religious prohibitions, such as Jewish and Muslim dietary laws, are based on keeping the body free of unclean substances. Surely this would apply with even greater force to materials that are injected. If these may be overridden for hypothetical public health concerns, especially one so small as the risk of measles in the U.S. in 2019, one may ask where could one draw a line? The same question applies to overriding one’s right to liberty to act or refrain from acting without a specific religious rationale.

New York’s “bold experiment” in punitive measures for nonvaccinators may have gone too far, too fast for public acceptance. “For competent adults, forcible vaccination should represent an unconstitutional intrusion on liberty,” writes Julie

Cantor, M.D., J.D., of UCLA School of Law. "State-sanctioned forced vaccination of adults seems extreme—evocative of a police state and a sharp departure from the principle that the government may not invade our bodies to benefit others." She writes, however, that the situation for children may be different. "Some scholars argue that vaccination may be a human right." There are, however, pragmatic concerns: people might avoid medical care, and authoritarian actions might galvanize opposition. Incremental measures, such as lowering the age of consent, eliminating nonmedical exemptions, and developing oversight mechanisms for medical exemptions, are suggested.<sup>64</sup>

Saad Omer, director of the Yale Institute for Public Health, and coauthors caution in *Nature* that "governments that are considering compulsory immunizations must avoid stoking anti-vaccine sentiment." There's also a "social equity" concern that penalties not disproportionately affect disadvantaged groups. These penalties may be very severe; in Australia, family assistance payments amounting to \$18,200 per year may be withdrawn for refusal to vaccinate. Compensation should be given in the "exceedingly rare instances" in which required vaccines can cause harm.<sup>65</sup>

Cautionary articles such as these admit not the slightest doubt about whether mandated vaccines are in the best interest of patients, with rare, officially defined exceptions. Omer et al. discuss the optimal penalties to achieve the highest level of vaccine coverage. As long as coercive measures do not involve brute force, the patient has presumably consented. For children, force involving child protective services might sometimes be acceptable, these articles suggest.

Unanimity of respectable medical opinion is also assumed—and may be enforced. As Scottish general practitioner Malcolm Kendrick, best known for skepticism on statin drugs, writes: "I have to say that I thought long and hard about blogging on vaccination. It is the most brutal area for discussion that I have ever seen, and a reputation shredder." Although he fears that his blog could instantly be taken down, he continues: "As we move towards a world where it seems that all Governments around the world are going to pass laws mandating vaccination for everyone, and people are fined, or lose their jobs, for speaking out, or refusing to be vaccinated, then I feel that some attempt to discuss the area is essential."<sup>66</sup>

Kendricks continued: "Others have gone much further than me, others have been braver. But there should be nothing 'brave' about asking legitimate scientific questions. As Richard Feynman said, 'I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned.'"<sup>66</sup>

Once government mandates that some human beings must be sacrificed, that informed consent can be overridden, and that physicians must not speak out, where can the line against tyranny be drawn?

## Why This Doctor Asked Questions

It is certainly easiest and safest to rely on established authorities, especially in complex areas where one has no primary expertise and limited experience. The first question I asked about vaccines was: Why are newborns given hepatitis B vaccine when their mother is not infected? Next: Why is this practice continued when some babies scream for days or even die afterward without another explanation? And then, after no answers were forthcoming but doctors were being ruined for reporting potential side effects: Why is one not allowed to ask such questions?

In 1999, AAPS reprinted a 1960 article explaining a private doctor's view on mass immunization during the polio epidemic.<sup>67</sup>

Although the questions are complex, the physician is still the one who must advise each individual patient, according to the best of his ability and judgment. No one is in a better position: not California Sen. Richard Pan, M.D., wishing to greatly limit medical exemptions; not New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio, imposing his will on Orthodox Jewish communities in New York, or the New York State legislators imposing their views on all with religious objections to vaccines; not federal advisory committees or bureaucrats or local public health authorities; not even the CDC.

There are many unknowns, and no certainties. But the physician must strive to do no harm, not even in the guise of serving the collective good.

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 1:32:14 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judy Donovan	Kona Community Hospital, West Hawaii Region, HHSC	Oppose	No

Comments:

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

**From: Michael Traub ND  
Legislative Committee Chair  
Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians**

**Re: HB2459 Relating to Medical Autonomy  
February 6, 2020. 8:45 a.m., Conference Room 329**

**Position: IN SUPPORT**

Current Hawaii Administrative Rules define physician for the purposes of immunization as:  
*§11-157-2 Definitions. "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, or naturopathic medicine in any of the states or territories of the United States.*

Therefore this bill would include naturopathic physicians under the category of “licensed physician” and would allow naturopathic physicians to exempt a child from required vaccination.

The Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians urges you to vote in support of HB2459.

Dear Chair Mizuno and honorable members of the House Health Committee:

I write in strong SUPPORT of HB2459 relating to medical autonomy

The central ethical principle that guides modern medicine is a prior, free, and fully informed consent. Inherent to informed consent is the ability to make a risk-benefit analysis and voluntarily decline consent, yet government vaccine mandates dictate that this bedrock principle be overridden, and some human beings must be sacrificed ... for the "greater good".

Vaccination is an invasive medical procedure specifically designed to manipulate the immune system. An astonishing 72 doses are CDC-recommended, beginning in utero to age 18, and administered primarily to an immature immune system. Like all pharmaceutical products, vaccines can cause injury, death, and fail to work as intended, yet they are still mandated for 72 million school children, increasingly required for adult employment, and became uniquely exempt from liability when Congress officially acknowledged that vaccines can injure and kill in the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986.

The rationale for school vaccine mandates in the United States, is that vaccines are "safe and effective" and is our duty to "protect the herd". The problem is that the public health establishment borrowed the herd immunity concept from pre-vaccine observations of natural disease outbreaks, and pretends there is no distinction between natural and vaccine-induced immunity. This practice and theory relies upon numerous flawed assumptions, that in the real world, 2020 vaccine era, cannot justify compulsory vaccination.

These assumptions include:

1. All members of the population are equally susceptible to infectious illness
2. All persons behave identically in spreading illness
3. Vaccines are highly effective in all people

Emerging science is revealing multiple modes of vaccine failure such as primary non-responders, waning of initial vaccine-induced immunity, pathogen mutation or genotype mismatch, and live viral vaccine shedding from those recently vaccinated.

These known modes of vaccine failure not only make herd immunity impossible to achieve, but point to vaccine failure, not "failure to vaccinate" as playing a significant role in many of the recent outbreaks. Vaccines may provide a temporary, individualized protection at best, but at what cost? We currently have the sickest generation of children in the history of mankind, and there are no research studies designed to evaluate the cumulative or long term effects of these vaccination policies.

The right to autonomy and protection of bodily integrity is a fundamental human right, and as founder of [NVIC.org](http://NVIC.org), Barbara Loe Fisher states: "If you cannot voluntarily decide

when or for what reason you are willing to risk your life or the life of your child, your unalienable rights to life and liberty have been taken from you.”

Many individuals and parents are not opposed philosophically to the general concept of vaccination, however *are opposed* to government and public health officials having the power to intimidate and coerce them into vaccinating with every single CDC recommended vaccine, and violating their deeply held conscious beliefs arrived upon, after a personal risk/benefit analysis with their doctor. The more force is applied by government policies, the more hesitancy, mistrust and resistance will arise.

I respectfully request that you support this bill.

Kimberly Haine  
Founding member of Hawaii for Informed Consent

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:54:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
L. Ragan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT HB 2459. Forced medical procedures have no place in a free society.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:04:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Hawaii Legislators,

I am writing to you today to show my strong support for HB 2459 (Authorizing conscientious beliefs as a basis for exemption from vaccination requirements. Requires that the first option for quarantine of an individual be quarantined inside that individual's residence). It is my hope that you will join the citizens of Hawaii in our efforts to preserve and protect the People's right to informed consent . People have the RIGHT to know the risks before they do something that may change their lives forever — or the life of their innocent, healthy child.

So I ask that you please support SB 2459.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Malia Guild

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:58:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Pickering	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Representative Mizuno and Representatives of the Committee on Health,

I strongly support HB2459.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Nicole Pickering

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:12:46 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don King	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Testimony in support of HB 2459

Aloha,

My name is Don King. I am the parent of a young man who was vaccine injured as a child. Unknown to us, he had a mitochondrial disorder, causing his cellular energy production to be below normal. When he regressed into autism after vaccinations we brought him to Johns Hopkins Kennedy Krieger center for a thorough medical evaluation and treatment. The doctor there, one of the top metabolic geneticists in the country, concluded that our son had an underlying mitochondrial disorder, that made him vulnerable to vaccine injury, and that the stress of vaccination on his system triggered his autism.

In a separate case in vaccine court, the case of Hannah Poling, the government's own expert witness changed his testimony to conclude that in the case of a mitochondrial disorder, vaccine injury could lead to autism. That case was settled by the government and sealed. The expert witness was fired, and his previous written opinion that vaccines could not cause autism was used in subsequent cases, contributing to their dismissal. An autism diagnosis now disqualifies an individual from seeking compensation for vaccine injury from the vaccine court.

In our son's case, we understand that vaccines carry additional risk of further injury for him. His doctor agrees with this, and recommends that he not be vaccinated, as the risks far outweigh the benefits for him.

However, under the new Department of Health rules HAR 11-57, signed August 13, 2019, no longer allows doctors to make the determination for their patients if they should be vaccinated according to the mandated schedule, or whether delaying or forgoing certain vaccines would be more beneficial for their patients.

More importantly for the need for this bill, the new rules do not allow for an individual or parent to make the decision about an important medical intervention for themselves. This is the most basic of human rights, to be able to decide what we allow in our bodies. The state should not have the authority to force a medical procedure with risks of serious and permanent injury upon an individual. Of course you can refuse, but you will have to sacrifice your legal right to a free and appropriate education, and also to a secondary education which is so important for success in our society.

Mandating vaccination or any other medical procedure without reasonable ability to decline is morally wrong and fundamentally un American.

Please pass HB 2459

Sincerely,

Don King

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:52:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
rebecca goodnight	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459 for bodily autonomy and vaccine exemptions for conscientious belief. Please listen to the pleas of your constituents and the residents of our islands. If the vaccines all worked perfectly for every person with no RISKS or harm then why would they have to be mandated?

Mahalo

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:22:04 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marcelle Liana	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459!!!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:14:57 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
DONNIE BECKER	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

PARENTS SHOULD BE THE GODS TO THEIR OWN CHILDREN.....

DECIDING ON LIFE OR DEATH CHOICES...!!!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:20:39 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

It is totally absurd that this is not already a protected option. Vaccines Can and Do Kill and horribly Injure humans. We are being used as test subjects on a medical procedure without being told so and without our permission. Do I have to remind anyone here of what they did to Doctors in Germany after world war two who did this? I hope not. Pass this bill with NO No Votes. Learn about Real Health and What destroys that. Vaccines are one of those things that Destroy it. I have a LOT to say on this subject and will talk to anyone as long as they want about it. This is an Unrecognized crisis and you folks better get a handle on it or the Disaster will come and Vaccines will bring it.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:23:48 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Koons	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I absolutely support HB2459. Vaccines pose a risk of great harm/injury and even death, as stated on every vaccine insert. Where there is risk, there MUST be a choice. I myself, along with hundred's of thousands of other parents around the country and world have a vaccine injured child. I am one of the lucky one's who's child did not actually die from a vaccine. Where other states like California have removed all forms of exemption, coincidentally, they have seen a huge increase of vaccine injured children. That is why HB2459 is necessary for the state of Hawaii and should be the case for the rest of the country in my opinion.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:38:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacquelyn Born	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:27:56 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lois J Young	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chairman and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing HB2459 of which I am in support. Much misinformation swirls around vaccines and have discovered that injuries are REAL. With that said, I also understand that the studies are not double-blind inert-placebo controlled studies and that SINCE 1986, pharmaceutical factories are absolved from all liability in case of injury. They need to be accountable and their safety claims verified and proven in long term controlled studies. I'm but a lay person and believe if there is a risk, there must be a choice. What I inject in my body is my choice not the government. VAERS has paid out over \$4 billion for injury claims and to me that is a red flag. I have a right to informed consent, bodily sovereignty and Conscientious Exemption.

I support HB2459 and urge you to pass it thru committee.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:12:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katja Bajema	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Thank you for your time to read this. My name is Katja Bajema, I am the mother of three school aged children who have received vaccines in the past. My husband and I believe in the benefit of receiving vaccinations. Two of our children received vaccines according to the schedule proposed by the CDC. Our third child however, was put on a delayed vaccine schedule that his pediatrician and us agreed upon.

There was no clear medical reason for me to bring this option to the pediatrician other than maternal instinct. I just had a 'feeling'. After we discussed it in detail we came up with an alternative schedule and once we started vaccinating our son turned out to have very strong reactions to the vaccines. Thank God he did not have any permanent injuries, he just experienced great discomfort for several days after having received a shot. We spaced out the vaccines even more, having assessed his personal situation.

Now we are entering a new season with mandated vaccines for our oldest. She has been fully vaccinated according to the CDC schedule. However, the next vaccine that she is required to get in order to attend public school is one that my husband and I object to on grounds of safety. It should be up to us and her pediatrician to decide on this vaccine. It is not up to the government. You, the legislature, do not know me or my children. You know nothing about our medical history or about our values. What you probably do know, or at least what would be safe to assume, is that we love our children and we would never do anything to put them in harm's way. This is true for pretty much all parents so it is your duty to protect parents' autonomy when it comes to making medical decisions for their children. There is no one in the world who loves them more and would do more to keep them safe and healthy than they do.

So, I ask you to vote yes on this bill and give parents the right to choose what is best for their children.

Mahalo and Aloha, Katja Bajema

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Marocco	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I do not want my daughters to have to get the HPV Vaccine. Each family should have the choice and right to make our own personal choice based on our convictions and beliefs. My daughters are choosing to be sexually abstinent. Thank you.

Shannon Marocco

King's Chapel

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:48:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lori kimata	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair and members of the Health Committee,

I am in strong support for HB 2459. Where there is risk in health care decisions there must be informed choice. As a fourth generation Hawai'i resident and family physician of thirty years I believe education is the key to good decision making regarding important decisions, especially when it comes to the health of our future families in Hawai'i. I urge you as legislators to do your research and discover for yourself the truth regarding both vaccination benefits AND risk factors, and the necessity for medical autonomy and conscientious choice.

Please support HB2429 regarding to medical autonomy

Sincere Mahalo

Dr Lori Kimata

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:58:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
crystal minnick	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:58:56 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
roxanne Baughn	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support this bill . My family came to America for the Freedom we enjoy here. But now we are losing the medical freedom over our own bodies . We are told to inject things into ourself that we feel are poisonous. If there is Risk there most be a Choice. Right now 54% of our children are sick that's scary . If there is a Risk there most be a Choice. The unvaccinated children have been here since the begin of time , why now are we scared of them when we know it's the vaccinated shedding and passing on viruses . I have not had a vaccine in 20 years ,I had the chicken pox ,measles and whooping cough . I don't have any viruses to spread . Why are you scared of the unvaccinated they are not caring anything that have not had anything injected in them to spread .



**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Norasinh	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

The doctrine of bodily autonomy comes from the right to life, which is written in the Constitution. This is furthered by section one of the 14th Amendment where it reinforces that the state cannot deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process. In many countries worldwide, some form of informed consent is required to perform any sort of medical procedure or study on a human subject. The Supreme Court has also upheld that all competent adults have the right to refuse any medical treatment, even if it is life-saving.

Personally, my family has mourned the death of someone who was vaccine-injured and subsequently passed away and another family member who was permanently disabled by vaccines.

Every person has the right to control, protect, and make decisions about their own body. For parents, we make these decisions for our minor children. When the government tries to force parents to vaccinate, it creates distrust in both vaccinations and distrust in government. A liability free product like vaccines should be a choice more than any other medical procedure. I strongly support HB2459 and plead with you to also support this bill. We the People have the right to decide for ourselves and our children. Please allow the people of Hawaii to make medical decisions on our own and with the advice of our doctors with full informed consent. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:15:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacqueline Bosman	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB2459!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:18:57 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
gabrielle rose	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2459

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:30:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kerri Yeakey	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am writting to urge you to support HB2459 as a parent of a vaccine injured child. For medical freedom for all! If there is a risk there must be a choice! The madatory use of HPV and flu shot in Hawaii is a death sentence. Its well known that Merck is being sued and many have died or been injured altering the rest of their lives from the HPV and flu shot. We need to protect or keike and all future generations from vaccine mandates that have no blind placebo saftey studies. Keep our children safe and support bodily soverignty.

Mahalo,

Kerri Yeakey

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:32:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mayu Hosoya	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am a mother of 2 special need children. ( 15 & 17, soon to become 18 ) Both has diagnose of Autism and other multiple developmental disabilities.

My boys has received all the toxic, loaded with full heavy metals as presarvatives, vaccines before their age of 2 and I believe that caused majority reason of how they develop as who they are today.

I was not well educated and believed anything medical doctor convinced or/and recommended and just went for it believing it was good and necessary for my precious children.

Turned out to be as a fact, they develop major developmental delays at early age.

They were tested with "off the chart highest heavy metal levels" in their blood stream which their body not knowing how to detox. I jorneyed thru so many interventions and treatments and it is still on-going. Even after choose not to receive any mandantory vaccines at DOE schools, the damage

that vaccines created is costing their lives as well as mine as a single parent.

It is our responsibilty as to educate as possible. And informations should be given correctly byt he government NO monopoly of the US with pharmathetical companies and all about \$.

And it is definetely should be our freedom of choice

whether or not to receive any vaccines for our children.

This right should be remain as

This is our human right as an individual as unique as our own body is no one else's but only our own. It is that simple.

**NO ONE SHOULD FORCE or TO DISCRIMINATE OVER WHETHER OR NOT TO RECEIVE VACCINES.**

Therefore **I DO STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 2459.**

Thank you very much.

Mayu Hosoya

aka mother and

behalf of Kennedy Akazawa & Brady Akazawa

**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kristi yamanaka	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly urge and support HB2459 in its entirety.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:13:58 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victoria Ng	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am STRONGLY in support HB 2459. We live in a free society, and people should be able to opt out of medical procedures that they do not want for themselves or their children, without tax, penalty, or being ostricized for their choices.

Regardless of whether they are against vaccines for reasons of their contents, including fetal cells, dangerous adjuvants, etc., or because of their high failure rate (making boosters “necessary”), or because of the vaccines’ risks (according to cdc data, a child in the US is more likely to die from an adverse reaction to the MMR than from measles, a common childhood illness.)

Or maybe it’s just freedom. If you believe in people having the ability to make their own choices, please do as I do, and support this bill. Mahalo.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:33:34 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
magda	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

i support the right for vaccine exemptions. i have an injured son and cannot further injure him or allow mandated to pass.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:26:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meghan Leialoha Au	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2459** to protect our conscientious sovereign rights as Kanaka Maoli to learn, know and understand the most pono health practices for ourselves and our babies, especially where such *high risks and safety issues are concerned for those children healing from situations that would be severely harmed by vaccinations and their adjuvants*. The right to quarantine in our own homes is also the best, safest way to keep ourselves and our Keiki healthy and safe with the community health in mind as well.

Mahalo for **standing in pono with us**,

Meghan Leialoha Au

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:50:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephanie Whaley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB2459 and want it passed into law. Medical freedom is a right, not a privilege.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:41:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christine Battad	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

As a registered nurse licensed in the State of Hawaii, and as a mother, I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2459. My body, my children's bodies, my choice. Every person has a right to bodily autonomy and true informed consent for any medical procedure, including vaccination. Vaccines are not without risk of injury or death. Where there is risk, there must be choice.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:30:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lori Nakamura-Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha! Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

**I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2459**

Are you aware that the National Vaccine Compensation Program has paid out over \$4 Billion thus far for vaccine injuries and deaths, and that's just a small percentage of actual injuries caused by vaccines that even gets reported. How many of you have actually spent the time to know all the concerns regarding vaccines? How many know if any of these makers have been sued or are currently being sued for flawed products and what were and are these products? Should you know if any of these litigations are related to vaccines, which ones and why? The knowledge of the information the CDC whistleblower maintains should be a must for all to know what this is before anymore vaccine mandates are forced. Do many of you know what are the ingredients in vaccines? We as your constituents appreciate all efforts made in educating oneself regarding said issues/concerns when government chooses to assume an authoritarian role over parents who knows better than anyone else about their children's health and wellness given their children's unique, individual health statuses that should remain private and be protected. Vaccines are NOT a one-size-fits-all. Please preserve our and everyone's parental rights by supporting conscientious exemption in HB2459.

Mahalo and kind regards

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:23:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
elena kersting	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459, thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:15:06 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cassandra Korte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support having a choice of what medical treatments I choose to receive as everyone's body is unique and cannot be treated the same.

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Health Committee,

Thank you for hearing this important bill HB2459 allowing conscientious exemption from vaccination mandates. There is no one-size-fits-all when it comes to health and I appreciate the legislature expanding rights to body autonomy.

One of the issues I hear most from other parents is that they do not believe immunizations for sexually transmitted diseases are necessary for their children. Vaccines to prevent sexually transmitted diseases are certainly not necessary for a normal school environment. I hope this bill will allow families to reject some vaccines that do not fit their beliefs yet still be able to choose some vaccines they feel is beneficial for their children.

Thank you,

Mitsuko Hayakawa

Mother



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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:26:10 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jamie Shimabukuro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support HB2459

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:19:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please do your research on vaccine injury. Vaccines should be a choice for parents considering all the possible side effects, death being one of them. My daughter has a gene mutation which makes it harder for her to detox toxins. Please let us make this decision.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:51:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandon Jamile	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly and wholeheartedly support HB2459. Please support this bill. Thank you

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:10:20 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charlene Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have witnessed vaccine injuries of my daughter and people around me.

The vaccines have not been safety tested with placebo. This is confirmed by the World Health Organization of vaccine scientists recently.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. won the suit against the Dept. of Health for not having safety testing of vaccines for over 30 years.

Over 4 billion have been paid to vaccine injuries, and we are paying it. Manufacturers are exempt.

The state wants to implement vaccines that have not been safely tested with placebo.

Japan has banned HPV Gardasil, and the state is mandating this vaccine without any proof that it is safe. It is and has been harming many lives.....paralyzing and destroying lives. I have heard of one case here who had this vaccine, and next day, she was reduced to a vegetative state.

If the state continues implementing this dangerous action, of forcing people against their will, to put toxic substances into their bodies like aluminum, mercury, formaldehyde.....are they prepared for the lawsuits that will follow?

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nohe Tiqui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:32:48 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
martina dodson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear legislators.

I strongly support this bill HB 2459.

I think everyone should. It is a common sense bill. Our bodies are sovereign and we have basic human and parental rights to make the best choice for ours and our children's medical decisions. Any liability free product that has death as side effect should never be mandated. I think most people would want to be able to say no to any medical interventions they don't want. Imagine if you would have to inject CDC's adult schedule of 196 doses liability free vaccines to be able to go to work? Yes you. Would you gladly roll up your sleeve to get up to date? This is what they are doing. When that day comes, would you want the option to opt out to choose? Think about it. I am here to warn all of you. I almost died from a vaccine. I did my research. Where there is a risk there must be a choice, for everyone.

Court hearings started jan 9 this year. Pharmaceutical giant, Merck, is facing charges of fraud in lawsuits filed in U.S. courts regarding their vaccine products.

This is important information for the public to know, given the fact that the ever-growing vaccine market is expected to exceed \$70 billion within the next few years, and that many states are trying to pass legislation to mandate vaccines without informed consent, all in the name of "the greater good" for public health.

Federal government agencies tasked with protecting public health, along with the corporate "mainstream" media, which reportedly receives up to 70% of its advertising revenue from pharmaceutical companies, continue to censor any negative information regarding vaccines that could affect sales.

"Whether you're pro-vaccine, anti-vaccine, or fall somewhere in the middle, the questions you need to ask yourselves are as follows: Do you want to live in a world, where you cannot freely refuse a medical procedure that carries risk of injury or death? I'm not questioning your comfort level with today's vaccine schedule, because today's vaccine schedule will change. New vaccines and additional doses are added all the time. children today receive as many as 49 doses of 14 vaccines before they reach age six, which is roughly 12 times higher than the number of vaccines administered to

children back in 1940. With more than 220 new vaccines in the developmental pipeline for children and adults...and no end in sight..the question you must ask yourself is ARE YOU CERTAIN you will be 100% comfortable with vaccines that are added to the mandated list in the future? If you say that yes, you're comfortable, then you're either a) not expecting to be a parent or grandparent, b) don't have to worry about it because your kids are grown and out of the house, or c) lying to prove a point. No critical thinker, no honest person, would ever sign off on the sight-unseen vaccine schedule of the future. And yet that's what you're doing when you condemn the people who are fighting for your right to refuse. YOU have the right to refuse, should you ever choose to use it, because the very "anti-vaccine" people you demonize have been fighting for us all. Right now, the burden of "herd immunity" falls on small children, but that is changing. Vaccine manufacturers see an untapped market in adult vaccines and are coming for you next. What will you do if your state, your employer, or your insurance company forces you to get a vaccine that you simply don't want? It hasn't happened to you yet, but if the right to refuse is eroded, it will happen to you sooner than you might think. Who then will you turn to? The CDC, who owns several vaccine patents, and has former pharma executives sitting on the board? Who will you turn to if you ever want to say no? There will be no one. Once we enter the slippery slope of removing and individual's right to refuse medical procedures that carry a risk of injury or death, once we remove an individual's right to speak for him/herself and his/her children, we open ourselves up to an insidious new era, where other drugs and other procedures can be mandated. Forced vaccination is a human rights violation, and to support it when you know that the government's own Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System exists and lists people who have died as a result of vaccines is unethical at best, sociopathic at worst. The ethical thing to do is to allow people their right to refuse and leave it up to doctors and big pharma (who have marketing budgets larger than the GDP of some countries) to do a better job of convincing parents that vaccines are safe. We can start by reversing the law that grants vaccine manufacturers total immunity from vaccine injury lawsuits. Because as it stands, you can't sue a vaccine manufacturer if your child is injured or killed by a vaccine, even in cases where they could've made a safer vaccine and chose not to or when they failed to recall a contaminated lot# in a timely manner. Think about that. You can't sue the manufacturer. That immunity from liability does more to shake parents' confidence in vaccines than anything else out there."

Wanting truth, transparency and real science doesn't make you anti anything. It makes you pro freedom and pro honesty.

I encourage people to make vaccine manufacturers liable again.

Mahalo!

Martina Kalfors, Maui

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:00:22 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kara Whitaker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this bill. Please uphold our freedom to choose health interventions based on our own research, for what is best for ourselves and our children. Thank you.



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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:45:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joanna Beall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

All medical interventions can injure kill, or fail to work vaccines included. So why are they mandated and liability free. My body, my child and my choice.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:55:37 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Fajardo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459!!!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:36:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley Gutierrez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRINGLY SUPPORT BILL HB2459

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:51:13 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

Basic human rights and basic constitutional rights both provide for body autonomy. Every human deserves to be able to choose for themselves and their minor children what medical procedures they do or not consent to. We deserve informed consent and we deserve to be able to opt out of medical procedures based on personal reasons. With medical treatments and procedures that contain risks there must be choice, and those same choices should apply to all- with no regard for gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, marriage, religion, etc. We should not have to claim a religious exemption to exert our personal freedom to body autonomy.

Mahalo for considering this bill,

Shannon Matson

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:55:52 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

I strongly support this Bill that will preserve my rights as an individual and a parent. This goes along with my moral and religious convictions for what goes into my body and my children's bodies and preserves the right for me to make an informed decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Michele Nakamura

94-1049 Akaku St.

Mililani, Hawaii 96789

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mei Shikiya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Bodily autonomy is a fundamental human right. Informed consent is an essential process of any medical procedure, as all medical procedures carry a risk of harm, especially when it comes to vaccines because they are not tested with double-blind placebos -- in fact, vaccines are not even classified as drugs by the FDA, which enables them to be fast-tracked for approval with inadequate safety studies. Not to mention the questionable ingredients in the vaccines that raise many safety and ethical concerns (heavy metals, polysorbate 80 which allows toxic ingredients to cross the blood-brain barrier, aborted fetal cells, etc). Parents who know these things cannot in their good conscience follow the recommended/mandatory vaccine schedule as is. They will want to be able to opt out of certain vaccines that they feel are not necessary for good health. If there is even a chance that the vaccine could do more harm than good, we absolutely need to preserve parental and individual choice by passing this bill for conscientious exemption to vaccination. Mahalo for reading!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:43:56 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa L Yee	Seeds of Truth	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Dr. Melissa Yee from the organization Seeds of Truth that has been producing videos on Olelo 54 for almost ten years. Recently on my program I interviewed two mothers concerned about the forced vaccinations of children at a number that is ten times what it was in my childhood. Contrary to the position of medical institutions and professionals, vaccines are not safe and have not been tested. Mothers whose children have been damaged by just one vaccine have a life long responsibility to care for them, and the burden on the social and medical systems, schools and government has risen exponentially since these vaccinations has become mandatory for a child to participate in public events and attend school.

This denies the right of the child and parents to manage their child's health. As in the 1960's when conscientious objectors fled the US to avoid being drafted into a war no one believed in, so today parents have few options to protect their children from harm and must take drastic measures. Therefore, the creation of a conscientious exemption, in addition to medical or religious exemption, is a step in the right direction to empower parents to protect their children legally. Only those whose child has had a severe reaction to a vaccine or drug can understand the agony of a parent. The media has stirred enormous hysteria and fear around the latest epidemic to hit town, including the Corona virus, and people need to do their own research rather than relying on institutions to shape their minds and push protocols and procedures lacking scientific basis, medical validity and common sense.

The Governor was incorrect to sign the new regulations for the Department of Health without sufficient input from parents.

Please return the rights for children back to their parents, and do not allow decisions for a child's future to be determined by a government agency, the Department of Health, FDA or CDC which have been coopted by the revolving door of lobbyists and corporate representatives. I humbly request that you support this bill.

Aloha,

Dr. Melissa Yee

Seeds of Truth





**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:46:41 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brittany Hinderer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support bill HB2459. My two daughters have had medical issues from vaccines and I believe it is my choice as a parent to chose weather I take huge risks with their health even further. They are never sick and don't cause anyone else harm. As parents, human beings citizens and caretakers we should all have the right to chose what's best for us and our families, not be told what we should inject into them. The freedom to chose and make that choice should not be taken away from us. Let's show the rest of the world Hawaii has our backs with medical freedom!

**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marcy Koltun-Crilley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a retired Labor and Delivery RN living in Kihei and I very strongly support HB2459.

This is a medical procedure done on healthy people an even more so should require informed signed VOLUNTARY consent without any type of coercion as an Opt-In process, not Opt-out.

Thank you

Marcy Koltun-Crilley RN

Kihei, HI

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:52:35 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Abell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the right to choose what goes into my body and what does not. I believe we all have the God given right to basic fundamental freedoms.

I support HB2459.

Thank you,

Robert Abell

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:47:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rebecca Jane Yamada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459!

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:50:29 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Ampolos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this testimony as strong support for informed consent and personal choice and conscientious objection with regard to medical procedures, pharmaceuticals, and health-related issues.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:42:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
geneve chong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:43:18 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:38:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Candace Jamile	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please give us as parents the right to choose what is going into our child's body.  
Doctors are not

making sure a child's immune system is strong enough to handle all these compounded not tested vaccines. By the time my children turned 7-9 they had side effects after the vaccine shots. I am very cautious with types of food going in their system. They would be considered a pretty good immune system hardly ever getting sick. Shortly after the vaccines my children had ticking in their heads and neck, high anxiety bursts, bad eczema, etc. I had researched and found these were complaints online of side effects with vaccines so I chose to detox my children's body which helped out a lot but still have scars from the eczema. I can't imagine what's it's like for other parents not as involved as I am. Please take the time to read ingredients and facts and allow us the right to choos. Thank you



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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:07:46 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nita Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 2459. I have a son with genetics that risk him having serious vaccine injury. I myself have been injured by them 4 times that I am able to recall.

Thank you,

Nita Simmos

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:59:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sandra L Terp M.D.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am a retired pediatrician . I strongly support HB2459. Parents need some recourse to allow a pathway to exempt their children from receiving potentially harmful vaccines. The medical exemption given by the healthcare provider is now too restrictive due to the most recent amendments to HAR 11-157. It has taken away the judgement of the doctor and excluded crucial information such as family history and previous adverse outcomes .After practicing general pediatrics in the state of Hawaii for over 35 years, I have been witness to numerous episodes of vaccine injury for which there is no liability assumed by the vaccine industry.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:09:52 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jaymie Lewis	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Honorable Chair and Committee,

I do NOT support state or medical mandates in relation to an individual's choices regarding their own body. It is a direct violation of human rights and an attack on the freedoms written into the United States constitution.

I DO support body autonomy, body sovereignty, and religious and spiritual freedoms.

Thank you for your time and support in this matter.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:55:37 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anne Dye	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Please vote in favor of HB2459. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.

Mahalo,

Robert Dye

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:07:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Dye	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Hello Commitee,

As a physician and parent, I strongly support HB2459. Currently residents in Hawaii are limited in their rights to decline the medical procedures of vaccination for their chdilen. Parents are only given the legal option to opt out through religious exemption. This assumes that it is only your faith which dictates this choice. This disregards the mounting evidence that vaccination comes with risks and potential injury and death. This assumes that vaccination for all children in all circumstances is the "right" and only option. However, there is large amounts of research that shows otherwise. We know that no medication ( at the same dose) or medical procedure is correct for all people under all circumstances. Parents have good reason to question vaccination.

The vaccine manufacturers and doctors who administer them have no legal liability. The government has paid out over 4billion dollars to vaccine injured individuals, the max pay out being 250K. Can you imagine having your children vaccine injured and disabled or killed by vaccine and having to spend years through vaccine court to be paid out 250K? This is unacceptable.

The bottom line is that parents should have a legal option to decline vaccination that puts into account all the facts. An option that says, I have read and researched and I do not choose vaccination for my child. As a physician, I can tell you that the healthiest children are those who are unvaccinated. Parents deserve choice. Please support choice.

Sincerely,

Anne Dye

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:54:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Beckley Dye	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Hello,

I strongly support HB2459. Please vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you,

Beckley Dye

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:52:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gilbert baughn	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Where there is a Risk there should always be a CHOICE. There are hundreds of thousands of cases of children and adults being injured by vaccines, from minor to severe. We are all different. Even foods and medications affect people differently. At least with food and medications we have a choice. One size does not fit all when it comes to vaccines. If there is a risk, there should be CHOICE...

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erin Austin	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

i have 3 children, all have varying degrees of vaccine injuries and one has a lifelong autoimmune disease as a result of vaccinations. my children had medical exemptions that were based off their specific injuries and family history but with the passage of HAR 11-157 rule changes, our medical exemption was completely gutted and they no longer qualify. where there is risk there must be choice. lawmakers need to stop practicing medicine.



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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:05:34 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cynthia Keener	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill because I do have a vaccine injured child. Reported by Dr. Lee Evslin to the VAERS system created by our government.

It is our human right to choose over our bodies & those of our children. It is our freedom to practice religious beliefs as well. Lastly, we must be heard! We are being censored by a corrupt evil in our nation called "Big Pharma". Should i have had to sacrifice my child for the greater good? Would you yours? I think not. Pls hear us and support our freedoms.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:45:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
alyssa hudson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:45:21 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brea Caley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:07:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kathleen puhi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:36:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bianca Wentworth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have been a witness to 3 different vaccine injurys and believe it should be our choice as parents to decide whether we feel it is necessary or beneficial to vaccinate our children.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:38:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aprill Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2459!

Aprill Wilson, Honolulu, HI

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:57:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bethanie Hancock Sidwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2459!!!

Where there is risk there MUST be choice. Medical freedom is a human right. Mandated vaccines and vaccines without the option to choose is medical tyranny. Why do companies that make products like kids toys, luggage, hair products, get to be sued for liability if their product injures someone, but ALL vaccine manufacturers have been liability free since 1986? How does a product that is injected into our bodies have a ZERO LIABILITY policy? Over 6+ million paid out to vaccine injured/killed families. Vaers.com doesn't exist just for fun. Vaccine injuries are NOT rare. Just rarely reported. Please do the right thing and let the people of Hawaii keep their medical freedom with the right to choose what is injected into our bodies. Medical exemption has already been taken away from us. Let us keep our freedom, please.

February 4, 2020

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Health

Rep. Chris Lee, Chair  
Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance

**RE: HB2459**

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2020

TIME: 8:45 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

My name is Teal Sargent. I am a long-term resident on the island of Kaua'i, Hawai'i. I am a mother of two healthy, strong, beautiful young children who attend Kaua'i's public school system. I am Licensed Social Worker servicing a large population of at-risk youth and families here on Kaua'i. It is great pleasure that I write today to **strongly support** HB2459.

As a Mother and long-term, permanent resident in Hawai'i I have invested interest in protecting the right I have been given to be as Mother to protect and advocate for my children and carry out my religious practices. To be mandated into administering vaccinations is to take away by force a very important human right of self-advocacy and conscious thinking. There is ample research on both sides of the argument surrounding vaccinations and I feel it is fair to allow each individual to make an educated, conscientious decision about what is fitting for them. Again, I strongly support HB2459 to authorize conscientious beliefs as a basis for exemption from vaccination requirements and requires that the first option for quarantine of an individual inside the individual's residence.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Teal Sargent  
P.O. Box 366  
Kilauea, Hi 96754



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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:08:36 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:34:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Kitahara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL (HB2459)!!!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:30:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meloney Thill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2459. Every parent should have the right to decline or accept certain vaccines. It should not be an all or none system. No one can say with a clean conscious that no vaccines will every cause harm. The HPV vaccine is a great example of exactly why we need this. There are numerous studies and overwhelming evidence that this vaccine is not at all safe and more studies need to be done. As a mother I will absolutely not expose my child to this vaccine. The risk is far too great to outweigh the benefits. Hawaii is now one of the only states that mandate this vaccine and it takes the choice away from parents. Unless anyone reading this can say with an absolute clear conscious that my child will not be harmed by this vaccine or any other vaccine currently on the schedule or one that is coming then I might consider changing my view on this. But the truth is not one single person can guarantee the safety of our children. There are no double blind placebo studies done on these vaccines. The manufacturers are free from liability and liability falls on the tax payers in the event a child does get harmed. These are the same manufacturers that are responsible for the opioid crisis. How can we say these same people are bringing us a safe and effective product without having any liability and without having to do double blind placebo testing?

Where there is risk there must be a choice. I cannot in good conscious say my child will not be harmed by the HPV vaccine or any other vaccines in the future. As my child's parent I want to have the choice to outweigh the risks vs. the benefits on every vaccine individually and decide what is best. I want to have a discussion with my child's doctor and make that decision. It should not be mandated without a way to opt out unless we can **unequivocally** state that an individual will not be harmed by this. There is no such guarantee when it comes to vaccines.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:17:08 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
david kurihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. We all have the right to protect our own bodies.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:48:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Mosk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY support HB2459!

Aloha,

Nicole Mosk

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:52:05 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amber Furchess	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I STRONGLY support bill HB2459.

We should have the rights to make the decision about what goes into our children's and our own body without religious or medical reasons. Reasons based on safety alone should suffice.

My body, My choice.

Mahalo,

Amber Furchess

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:51:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephanie Schobel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:26:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Meissa Taeu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2459,

As a parent with children who has had adverse reactions to vaccinations, I strongly support this bill. Vaccinations can and do cause harm and should NOT be forced/mandated.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:38:48 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

We deserve true informed consent and the right over our bodily autonomy as well as our keiki.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:03:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pohaiali'iCorrea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill because I am a Native Hawaiian, I support our ways and the freedom to choose and make our own choice for ourselves.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:53:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Misha kassel	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Hello my name is misha Kassel, I am an emergency physician and not anti vaccines. Vaccines like any medicine has potential risks and benefits, that is not debatable. Whenever there is risks and benefits the patient should be able to weigh those and then make their best educated decision. We should not take away this critical element of doctor/patient relationship.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:41:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
joe kassel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing as a Physician in support of HB 2459. I base my position on many complex factors, but wil distill to a few points. A fundamental principle of medicine is informed consent. Consent given under coercion is not valid and unfortunately the political trend has been to increase coercion of parents to vaccinate which is further polarizing society once again. Engagement in respectful discussion with education and receptivity to alternate perspectives will optimize our community's health on many levels more effectively

Mahalo and Aloha

Dr. Joseph Kassel N.D.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Renee Meyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Thank you for your time. I strongly believe that conscientious beliefs as a basis for exemption from vaccination requirements should be everyone's right. My sister, Laura Meyer, reacted to the DPT shot at 6 weeks and died at 11 years old after a booster MMR in 1994. I should not have to fight and fight to explain why I do not want to get a vaccination. It is my family's personal medical history. Please support my right to a conscientious objection and protect this right with HB2459.

I support HB2459

Mahalo,

Renee Meyer

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:43:56 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:44:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Penner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

The passage of HAR 11-157 in 2019 made Hawaii children subject to the highest number of vaccines in the country in order to be considered compliant for school attendance.

Yes, the religious exemption is still available to us - but does not allow us to opt out of particular vaccines. Not allowing people to opt out of particular vaccines on religious grounds will cause more people to opt out completely. For instance - I know many families who are willing to vaccinate but are unwilling to get the HPV shot (STD vaccine), and others who are unwilling to receive any vaccine that was created using aborted human fetal cells (in many vaccines - just look up w-5 or w-38). Forcing parents and students to adopt an "all or nothing" attitude when it comes to vaccines is already backfiring.

Merck (the maker of the HPV vaccine) is currently being sued for fraud because of the way they conducted their safety trials. I have attached a document written by an MD as opposition to mandated HPV - that simply and clearly lays out the fraud that was committed in layman's terms. Please educate yourself on this. It is unconscionable that Hawaii children are now mandated to receive this vaccine.

All this aside - I should have the right to decide what is injected in to my own or my children's bodies without threat, coercion, or loss of the constitutional right to a free public education. It's that simple. I should not need a letter from my pastor or detailed explanation of my beliefs to justify opting out of a liability free - for profit product. Period. My body, my choice. Period.

We receive more vaccines and medications now than any other time in history... but US citizens are sicker than they have ever been. This is the reason many of us are questioning the bloated vaccine schedule and the possible deleterious effects on our health. Even the top science and policy advisors of The WHO recently admitted (at their Dec 2019 meeting) that there are no studies demonstrating the long term health outcomes of our current vaccine schedule.



CDC reports these facts: 40% of all U.S adults have one chronic disease and 60% have two more more. 25% of all U.S children have a chronic health condition (independent studies show the number to be closer to 54% of all U.S children with a chronic disease). We have babies developing Celiac Disease, arthritis, eczema, autism, and food allergies at unprecedented rates.

<https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/infographic/chronic-diseases.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/chronicconditions.htm>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1876285910002500>

Give us back the freedom we deserve. Give us the option of deciding what's best for our health. It is clear that the current "norm" is woefully inadequate.

Our Government has turned pharma's profitable legislation into a vehicle of oppression in the name of "the greater good" via vaccine mandates. Enough is enough. We need the philosophical exemption back. Please protect your constituents and their freedom to make their own medical choices.

Thank you,

Jessica Penner

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:40:40 PM

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

Comments:

I believe where there is a risk there MUST be a choice when it comes to vaccines. Knowing that most 6 month old babies have received more vaccines than most adults is mind boggling. The ingredients in them are not tested for safety and efficacy and are filled with known neurotoxins. The side effects listed in the inserts are at an alarming rise. We need to take a deeper look at what we are doing. We are not once size fits all and there must be a choice!!!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:20:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeane Michioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 2459

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:22:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaliko Amona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support HB2459 and ask you to do the same.

Mahalo,

Kaliko Amona

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:50:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brittany Meyers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:15:34 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

I strongly support HB 2459 and urge you to do so as well. As HAR 11-157 takes effect on July 1st, 2020, mandating immunization requirements for all students entering childcare or preschool, kindergarten, and seventh grade, etc and restricting the qualification for a medical exemption, the need for a conscientious exemption has never been more important. While I think further review is necessary, especially when it comes to definitions (how does the DOH define epidemic? How long would quarantine last? And determined by whom?), attention to this bill is necessary.

The 2020 mandates restrict our body autonomy, medical freedom, religious freedom, parental rights and our children’s right to an education. We should be able to decide what is injected into our bodies and that of our children, without villainizing and punishing that choice with the inability to receive an education, ESPECIALLY when certain required vaccines are for diseases that DO NOT pose public health risks and rather involve KNOWN LIFE-THREATENING RISKS. A conscientious exemption would give us the freedom to make an informed choice.

**I believe mandating vaccines with known life-threatening risks and a lack of scientific consensus and data for specific links to chronic illness** is an overreach of government powers. As with all drugs/medicines, vaccines come with risks of adverse and allergic reactions. The known risks which include fainting, seizures and death should be something I, as a human and parent, should have a conscientious choice over, and ones that my children should not be forced to take.

HB 2459 will allow our children to remain in school. It will also help to restore our parental rights, rights to body sovereignty, and our medical freedom. I urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo nui,

Carey Vierra

**HB-2459**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tatyana Cerullo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear House Representatives,

I am **STRONGLY IN FAVOR** of this bill. Medical freedom is very important to me as a citizen of a free and democratic country. It is a fundamental human right. I am an attorney licensed in multiple jurisdictions, including Hawaii, and a Hawaii business owner, and I have two healthy children. As a parent I must be the one to decide what gets injected into them, not the government or pharmaceutical companies. Overwhelming research shows that components of vaccines contain many questionable and toxic ingredients including these:

- Aluminum - a known neurotoxin; does damage to our health, even in small amounts, especially when injected
- Mercury - a known neurotoxin
- Antibiotics - kills healthy good bacteria and causes imbalance in the microbiome
- Egg protein - a concern for all those with egg allergies
- Formaldehyde - an industrial pesticide and know to cause cancer in humans
- Monosodium glutamate (MSG) an “excitotoxin,” which is a term used to describe a class of chemicals (usually amino acids) that over-stimulate neuron receptors in the brain
- Squalene - derived primarily from shark liver oil and believed to cause arthritis in rats and possibly Gulf War Syndrome, more studies needed;
- Gelatin - commonly derived from pigs; can provoke an allergic response, possibly even triggering anaphylaxis; against certain religious beliefs
- Polysorbate 80 - an emulsifier used in some foods and cosmetics; the safety of using this chemical in vaccines has been poorly studied, and according to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for Polysorbate 80, it may cause adverse reproductive effects and cancer based on animal testing data. The MSDS also indicates that no safety testing has been done in humans; it’s emulsifying effects can break the blood-brain barrier in humans allowing neurotoxins like different forms of aluminum found in vaccines and mercury to enter and disrupt brain function.
- Aborted human fetal tissue - a problem who do not want to be injected with this for any reason especially those who are against abortion



A comprehensive list of ingredients in vaccines can be found at <http://www.vaccinesafety.edu/components-Excipients.htm> which was published by John Hopkins School of Public Health, updated December 2018. There are many more startling ingredients than the ones listed here. If you have not researched the ingredients of various vaccines and the known and potential toxic effects of the ingredients on humans, I invite you to review and look deeper. It is no coincidence that there is a chronic disease epidemic in America's children. America gives more vaccines than any other developed country, 36 vaccines to babies by age 1.

With new recommendations and mandates, there are even more. The HPV vaccine is particularly troubling because it contains a high amount of aluminum, 500 micrograms. Multiple scientific studies associate aluminum not just with autoimmune diseases but with autism, Alzheimer's disease, dementia and Parkinson's disease as well as behavioral abnormalities in animals. In clinical "safety" trials, the manufacturer of Gardasil-9 (HPV vaccine) used a neurotoxic aluminum adjuvant instead of using an inert saline placebo, so not a true placebo. This calls into question the safety of this vaccine and a lawsuit is underway right now against Merck for fraud. A significant number of adverse reactions and deaths due to the HPV vaccine has been reported in the VAERS Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. According to Gardasil's package insert, women are more likely to suffer a severe event following vaccination with Gardasil than they are to get cervical cancer, a disease for which the median age of death is 58 years. Gardasil targets healthy preadolescents and teens for whom the risk of dying from cervical cancer is practically zero. It's also sexually transmitted. Mandating a vaccine to prevent a STD for children who are not even sexually active and making it a bar to attending school is wrong.

I should not have to have a religious or medical exemption to choose not to inject my children with known and potential toxins. I should be able to opt out of vaccines with a conscientious exemption for personal or philosophical reasons.

As troubling as each of one these chemicals and many others may be in its own right, you must keep in mind that no studies have been done to determine potential synergistic effects of multiple vaccine ingredients given in combination. Safety concerns are further compounded when considering that infants and young children commonly receive multiple vaccines during the same office visit. Amid relentless claims by drug companies and conflict-ridden health agencies that vaccines are "safe and effective" (despite the fact that nearly \$4 billion has been paid out by taxpayers to victims of vaccine injury) there is no denying that there is a risk, however large you believe it to be.

And where there's risk, there must be choice.

Lastly, as an attorney, it is unconscionable that vaccine makers are immune from civil lawsuits regarding vaccine side effects and death pursuant to the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act 1986. Taxpayers are the ones who pay for a "no

fault" compensation system where most vaccine injured claims are not redressed. Red flag! They have no incentive to make vaccines safe.

A system where the injection of vaccines along with their toxic components is mandated and the manufacturers of the vaccines are immune from liability, while the taxpayers pay the damages, financially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually, is not a democratic system.

Thank you for voting in favor of this important bill to preserve our democracy, the fundamental right to body sovereignty, parental rights, and medical freedom.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Tatyana Cerullo

Honolulu, Hawaii

While there have been reports of the HPV vaccine causing [premature ovarian failure in girls](#), research is needed to determine if there is a link between this phenomenon and polysorbate 80 and/or other HPV vaccine ingredients such as aluminum.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:53:17 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexandra Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I *strongly* support HB2459 because it is critically important for the health and freedom of Hawaii's citizens to conscientiously object to any "biologic" (in this case vaccinations) from entering or being injected into their bodies if they so choose. Conscientious objection allows for the citizen to maintain bodily autonomy, which is a *vital* important **human right**. No school, no place of employment, no doctor, no government or government entity should have the right to determine what gets injected into someone's body. This would be a *clear violation* of bodily autonomy *and* The Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, which states that **the individual takes priority over the state** and that prior, free, and **informed consent are required before administering a vaccine**. A citizen **must** be allowed conscientious objection based on personal beliefs and concerns for their own health and the health of their children. This is especially important due to the following: vaccines are a **risk** and **not tested for safety in double blind placebo studies**; they are **full of toxic chemicals** like aluminum, mercury, formaldehyde, as well as animal DNA and DNA from aborted fetal cells; and **vaccine manufacturers cannot be held liable for injury or death!** NO person or child should be required or coerced to inject these harmful, unsafe chemicals and ingredients into their bodies if they object.

Additionally, I support HB2459 because the first place a person should be quarantined should be at home, around family who can care and provide for them and get them necessary medical attention if needed. Families should not be separated in the case of an outbreak and should remain together quarantined inside the home.

Thank you.

**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jasmine Bell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2459

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:10:36 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Chiam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:06:39 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ruth Higby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a registered nurse who has taken care of many people from many belief and cultural backgrounds, I recognize that there is more than one effective way of treating and preventing illness. I strongly support the individuals rights to decide on these matters. I have seen too many adverse reactions to vaccinations to believe that the state should force a one size fits all program on all. Vaccinations in many cases have not been studied enough and the incentive to do so is gone now that the manufacturer can't be sued by law.

Many people live in Hawaii at least partially because they value and respect individual rights and all native Hawaiians I know certainly place a high value on the rights of the individual so let's maintain that rather than becoming another big brother state.

**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Courtney Caranguian	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:04:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. My child was vaccine injured and I want to protect him from farther damage.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:21:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lance Keener	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am the father of an vaccine victim, yes vaccine vicitm one of too many! I am sick of our so called great American government allowing the injuries to perisist! Make the pharmaceutical co's liable again AND PLEASE LEAVE THE CHOICE TO THE INDIVIUALS wether or not to inject neuro toxins and horrible adjuvants into their bodies and those of there keiki!! 2 -10 % of all vaccinated actually develop antigens by the way, herd immunity is simply a theory. EDUCATE YOURSELVES BEFORE TAKING OUR RIGHTS!

**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
GILLIAN WALTERS	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Gillian Walters. I am a Registered nurse here in Hawaii. I am opposed to mandatory vaccines.

I am here to testify that I personally know someone whose child was permanently injured from taking the flu shot. This child was born healthy and was thriving as expected. Once she received the flu shot, she was never the same. She was diagnosed with autism and unable to function independently.

Besides this, I have heard about many cases where persons were injured. On the mainland where I worked for several years, there was a nurse that was told she had to take the flu shot and developed guillain-barre syndrome. She was never the same.

These are a couple of examples. In short, I do not believe that one should be mandated to take vaccines against their will or personal beliefs. There are alternatives such as naturopathic methods and should be offered as an option. Thank you.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:29:14 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha State is Hawaii,

I support HB2459 bill with current amendments.

I do not feel the state should have authority of what drugs are administered into any persons body especially without consent. Forcing vaccines into the public is against human rights. People should be able to choose what is administered into ones body, especially when side effects can be as severe as death! America is founded on freedom; freedom of human rights, freedom of religion, freedoms of choice, and freedoms to our own body. Removing these rights not only violates our constitution, but becomes a health and safety issue as well as even the pharmaceutical companies have long lists of lifelong side affects and death! Our bodies should not be sold to the pharmaceutical companies by state legislation, and should be held accountable for the negative health issues they bring to our communities nationwide

Mahalo for allowing our people to excercise our human rights, and allowing us to choose what to do with our bodies, by providing options for exemptions to vaccines as we have had since vaccines have been introduced to the public.

Edward Clark

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Chiam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

**HB-2459**

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a local resident and small business owner. I support families during their pregnancy and childbirth years. Many of the families I serve, deserve the right to choose what happens to their body; meaning what goes in and out. Women have faught hard to have more rights not only in the birth room but also in live in general. We need the right to choose what is important for us and what isn't and this includes vaccines and and if and when to get them. This shouldn't be governed by somebody that doesn't know us and has never met us and knows nothing about our family history.

"Bodily autonomy is defined as the right to self governance over one's own body without external influence or coercion. It is generally considered to be a fundamental human right. Bodily autonomy relates to the concept of affirmative [consent](#), which requires full and eager participation in any sexual encounter. Bodily autonomy is also applicable to each individual's right to choose family planning options. Additionally, bodily autonomy is central to the formation of laws regarding privacy, abortion, medical treatment, homosexuality, and education."

If the autonomy in regards to medical treatment is taken away - where would this get us? We own our bodies - we are not the property of the government and therefore we should be able to decide what is right for us and what isn't.

I strongly support this bill.

Thank you for your time.

**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cecilia Rose Reilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I believe every individual has the right to choose what goes into their body! To force people to adhere to standards that have caused so much harm to so many is only barbaric and cruel! People have to live with their choices, their families. After the measles outbreak at the ENTIRELY vaccinated school, it's time to admit that it isn't all figured out and everyone should have the right to proceed how they feel is best. I would rather risk my life giving birth at home than be force vaccinated at a hospital, and I am not alone.

Mahalo for your open minds and hearts,

Cecilia Rose Reilly

**HB-2459**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Crystal Valencia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:55:28 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cindy Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I stongly support HB2459.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:51:28 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Anastasia Estep and I Strongly SUPPORT this bill.

Where medical rights are diminishing around the country, this move to give more rights, conscientious rights to say "no" to a medical intervention, is MUCH NEEDED. Contrary to popular propaganda, the science of vaccines is definitely not settled. We are recognizing the biological individuality of our genetics and predisposures for disease...proving the "one size fits all" vaccine schedule more archaic than ever. Many scientists and doctors are stepping out, presenting old and new research that is showing the safety of vaccines is simply not done by the same golden standard of other drugs (they do not use double-blind inert placebo to test for safety). There have been recent medical journal critiques, withering critiques on the lack of dilligent safety studies on the HPV vaccine, and that it was never even proven to prevent cervical cancer. The use of Aluminum as an adjuvant is showing in recent studies that it is much less safe than previously assumed (as it too, was never tested for safety in injectable form in young children) and it grossly exceeds set FDA daily safety limits.

All that being said, all of these things give us good reason to pause. Good reason to allow people to choose whether or not they want these products in their or their childrens' bodies. It is an inalienable right to have informed consent on a product (liability-free for that matter) being put into our bodies. There does not need to be religious grounds, or medical grounds, but simply a discomfort with ANY product that has the capacity to DO HARM, that a person should be able to refuse and still attend public school.

If the question is public safety, consider the outbreaks of chicken pox, measles and whooping cough in New York and Los Angeles in FULLY vaccinated public school populations. This is enough to prove that it cannot be the unvaccinated spreading the disease, but simply vaccine failure that is doing so. Hawaii must take a stand to protect its people from corporate tyranny, on a product without liability. "Big Pharma" is the most hated industry according to 2019 gallup polls, as their record of fraudulence and high crimes is notorious. Why some would think they are flawless in their biologics (vaccines) is ignorance, as there can be no public litigation to prove harm from their products when they injure. It is outrageous.

Supporting this bill is taking a stand for liberty, to clear conscience and to bodily

autonomy. Where there is risk, there must be choice; choices for exemption in all categories: medical, religious AND conscientious.

Mahalo,  
Anastasia Estep

**HB-2459**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie Patry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of HB 2459 and medical autonomy in Hawaii. As the mother of 2 children and a healthcare professional, I am very concerned with the health and well being of Hawaii. I am saddened daily to see how money and greed is influencing our healthcare system. I see it from the inside every day. I have grown weary of hearing that the US has the worst health outcomes of any industrialized nation, while spending the most on healthcare. We must make fundamental changes in our healthcare system for the future of our country.

My sister's story of vaccine injury started when she received the DPT at 6 weeks old. It resulted in severe developmental disability and a uncontrollable seizure disorder. My sister was one of the first children compensated by the federal "Vaccine Court" because her vaccine injury was clear. She died at 11 years old when doctors insisted she needed an MMR. Her death certificate lists "Post DPT Reaction Chronic Encephalopathy with Epilepsy" as an underlying cause of her death. When there is risk of severe disability and death, there must be choice. All healthcare procedures come with risks and benefits, informed consent to the risks and benefits is a cornerstone of healthcare. Vaccination should be no different. Please support HB 2459 and every human being's right to medical autonomy.

Thank you,

Julie Patry

**HB-2459**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
nathan patry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 2459 and medical autonomy. I believe in the human right to bodily autonomy and the principle of informed consent in healthcare. Where there is risk, there must be choice.

Nathan Patry

**HB-2459**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gabe Keener	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My brother had an adverse reaction to his one year vaccinations. I have watched him and my parents live a nightmare w/ no help from the medical establishment who hurt him.

It's sad and a daily struggle. The risk is very real and not fair to any human being.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:09:44 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elyse Warren	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459

**HB-2459**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Geoffrey Sato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of HB 2459. Please help protect the people of Hawaii over corporate interests and greed. Where there is severe risk, including life-long illness and death, there must be choice. Thank you

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:35:23 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lani Orr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2459. I believe in an individual's or parental or guardian's right to choose whether or not to vaccinate.

Respectfully,

Lani Orr



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:47:30 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deidre Wibberley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a DOE Special Education Teacher. I have been a teacher in the state of Hawai'i for 19 years. I am a mother. I vote. I STRONGLY support HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:50:33 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Krista Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We, as parents, who know and love our children better than anyone else—we, by U.S. law and a larger moral imperative, are the guardians of our children until they are old enough to make life and death decisions for themselves. We are responsible for their welfare and we are the ones who bear the grief and the burden when they are injured or die from any cause. We are their voice, and by all that is right in this great country and in the moral universe, we should be allowed to make a rational, informed, voluntary decision about which diseases and which vaccines we are willing to risk their lives for, without fearing retribution from physicians employed by the state. - Barbara Loe Fisher

[THE MORAL RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS AND CONSCIENTIOUS-BELIEF EXEMPTIONS TO VACCINATION](#)

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julienne Saladino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Ken Awamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

While personal freedoms are an important aspect of American society, increasing the ability of individuals to make exemptions from being vaccinated infringes upon others' personal freedoms, with no scientific evidence that it provides any benefits for the unvaccinated. In fact, all evidence suggests that increasing the number of unvaccinated individuals, regardless of disease, increases the burden of disease on the most vulnerable of our communities; this directly violates our rights to health, and in some cases, puts lives in danger, only to protect the personal beliefs of a few. In the same way those in the military are required to be vaccinated, to protect themselves, their colleagues, and even civilians in areas they may be deployed to, it makes sense to enforce a high standard for vaccinations within Hawaii to protect those who are particularly at risk (children, elderly, immunocompromised/suppressed, etc.). Conscientious belief, while important, does not serve as sufficient rationale for endangering public health as well as individual lives. Should measles come to Hawaii and subsequently spread, unvaccinated children will die. As tragic as it sounds, it is the undeniable truth, and by allowing children to go unvaccinated into society they endanger themselves as well as others. Ironically, many parents who wish to have keep their children unvaccinated are vaccinated themselves, at least for those diseases of most import for public health; they are not at risk, their children are. While public schools, as the name suggests, are a public service, just like the majority of public services, there must be some prerequisites/qualifications that should be mandated to be utilized. Use of public roads is an apt metaphor; the chances of a single driver w/o a licence, much like a single unvaccinated child, is statistically low. But what if that number of unlicensed drivers increased dramatically, due to eliminating the mandate for a drivers license? How many people would be needlessly injured or killed? In the same way, reducing vaccinations rates will not truly be felt until a wave of some infectious agent comes by, but when it does, people will suffer and our already strained medical system will be put under further pressure to deal with patients who are sick with disease they should have never contracted. Beliefs are an important, personal aspect of our lives. They direct our individual lives, our families, and perhaps to an extent others around us, but the moment any 1 person's individual beliefs interfere with the abilities of others to carry out their own lives, that is no longer a personal belief that ought to be supported, especially by state legislation. Obviously, if an individual cannot receive vaccines themselves due to medically based rationale, implementation of mandatory vaccines does not serve its intended purpose; but the reason we make exemptions is to protect those who require them, not allow those who do not to take advantage of

them. If a personal or religious belief directly impacts only you as an individual, then it should be protected under the state, even if that belief puts your life in needless danger. The moment it has the potential to harm other, completely innocent individuals, it is no longer a belief that should be protected.

**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Danny Melton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not remove medical and conscientious objections to vaccinations.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:58:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Douglas L. Vincent	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I urge defeat of HB2459. My name Douglas Vincent. I hold a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For 34 years, I was a professor and Animal Scientist at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I retired December 2019 and hold the position of Emeritus Professor. I strongly oppose HB2459. Permitting conscientious objections to vaccination, especially for children is a public health risk of the highest order. Based upon the events that happened in Samoa recently where hundreds of children got sick, and many died, because anti-vaccination activists convinced citizens that vaccination causes autism. You saw the results. Please don't let that happen in Hawaii.

**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a parent of a child who attends school in Hawaii, I strongly oppose this bill. Hawaii should not allow conscientious or personal belief exemptions to vaccinations. Allowing these exemptions would pose a serious risk to the health and safety of our children and our communities. Vaccines are safe and effective and for those who are unable to be vaccinated because of legitimate medical reasons, medical exemptions are already allowed. Please protect the health of our children by voting no on this bill.

Gail Ogawa

Liliha resident



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:04:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Janet Berreman	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am a pediatrician, a mother, and a public health professional. Throughout my career and personal experiences I have seen up close the devastating impact of non-vaccination. In this era of measles outbreaks, novel corona virus, and a severe influenza season, there are ample reminders of the importance of vaccines in supporting community health and preventing the spread of disease. HB2459 would seriously undermine public health's ability to protect our community's health. I strongly oppose this bill and encourage the legislature to reject it.

# Hawai'i Chapter

OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

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February 4, 2020

**Hawai'i Chapter**  
PO Box 25817  
Honolulu, HI 96825  
aaphawaii.org

Re: HB 2459: Relating to Medical Autonomy

Position: Oppose

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Esteemed Members of the Committee on Health:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter opposes HB 2459. This bill would permit parents to decline vaccination for religious or conscientious reasons and still attend public school.

This would seriously undermine efforts to protect our public against vaccine preventable diseases and would increase the risk of disease outbreaks in our community. It is likely that both healthy and immunocompromised children would be at higher risk of potentially life-threatening diseases from this statutory change.

No vaccine is completely effective. For some diseases, it is required for the vast majority of the school population to be immunized to prevent the spread of disease in the population. The recent measles outbreak in Samoa is an example of what could potentially happen in an incompletely vaccinated population.

Our chapter represents over 300 pediatricians and pediatric health professionals. We oppose HB 2459 and urge you not to pass it from your committee.

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:51:55 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kainoa Kaku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Unvaccinated individuals poses a threat to the entire community, especially defenseless children that are unable to receive vaccinations. There should be no exception.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:23:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vince Yamashiroya, MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

If there is anything that is to be learned about anti-vaccine bills, look no further than the recent Western Samoa measles epidemic. In order to prevent measles outbreaks in an area, one needs to have herd immunity, which means AT LEAST 90-95% of the entire population needs to be immune. Philosophical exemptions do not make sense when the public health is at stake. On January 6, 2020, there were over 5,700 measles cases and 83 deaths, out of a Samoan population of 200,874. A state of emergency was declared on November 17, 2019. As you know, a contingent of Hawaii doctors and nurses along with several other nations went to Western Samoa to vaccinate their population. Vaccines are safe and saves lives.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:55:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

If passed this bill would allow rampant spread of vaccine-preventable diseases throughout Hawaii and cause harm to the community.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:05:18 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter Locatelli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a Pediatrician who first began to practice on the Big Island in 1981, I am utterly appalled that this Bill has been introduced and under consideration. If enacted, it will create a very real threat to the health and well being of Hawaii's children. Already we have schools, both public and private, on the Big Island with "Personal Religious Belief" Exemptions of 40% or more among the student body and with an unknown rate of immunizations among the faculty and staff, as there are no immunization requirements for faculty and staff. These levels already create a very real threat of outbreaks of serious, life threatening vaccine preventable diseases, such as measles. Although these schools might be "ground zero" for such outbreaks, the diseases will certainly spread to the population at large. Do the sponsors of this Bill, especially former Emergency Room Physician, Dr. Richard Creagan have any understanding of the risks involved?. Will the sponsors of this legislation, and the legislators who might actually vote in its favor, understand the great harm they will create? Will they assume the responsibility for the inevitable deaths and disabilities that will result? It is disgusting that this legislation suggests that those who provide immunizations are engaged in "Medical Risk Taking" and suggest a linkage to the horrors of the medical experimentation that was conducted in Nazi Germany and addressed by the Nuremberg Tribunal. Do the legislators understand that immunization requirements are enacted to protect, not to cause harm. Immunization refusal whether it is referred to as a "Personal Religious Belief", a "Conscientious Exemption", or a "Medical Exemption" not based on recognized scientific criteria will cause the spread of preventable diseases. As always, the weakest and most vulnerable, especially the few individuals with serious underlying disorders such as leukemia and Immunodeficiency, who cannot be immunized, will suffer the greatest harm. If the sponsors of this legislation are searching for Nazis to condemn, they have only to look in a mirror.

Peter Locatelli MD

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:09:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Tessier	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am a long time pediatric nurse who has seen the devastating effects of complications from contagious childhood diseases before many vaccines were available, such as rubella, rubeola, varicella, and mumps. I know the difference vaccines have made in the lives of young children. They need the continued protection of these public health advances based on medical science.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:06:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Chair Mizuno and Vice-Chair Kobayashi,

As a concerned citizen and public health professional, I strongly oppose this bill.

The evidence is clear that vaccines not only save the lives of those who have been vaccinated, but also also protect those who are not immunized as well. With the recent outbreak of measles in Samoa, we saw how important that timely and widely utilized vaccines can be for the health and well-being of our children. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/19/world/asia/samoa-measles.html>).

As you know, the value of vaccines is in preventing disease and outbreaks. I hope that Hawaii can continue to use evidence-based interventions like vaccines to keep our communities healthy, rather than put our families at risk for virulent diseases.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Thaddeus



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:38:34 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia Ribeiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:15:09 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joni Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

I am writing to you to oppose such legislation. As we have seen in Samoa, 80 people, most of whom were children, died of a very preventable disease. Our own Lt. Governor was a part of that mission to save lives and has helped to curb further deaths there. This bill would lead to Hawaii going down that path.

I have many friends and family who are immunocompromised who would be harmed by the unvaccinated folks if herd immunity is lost. As leaders, you have an obligation to protect all and operate on the best practices available. Allowing herd immunity to be lost means putting the vulnerable at risk.

Long before vaccines were available, a little 9 year old girl lay in an iron lung waiting for her mother to come see her at Shriner's Hospital. She took her last breath alone, dying of polio. My great aunt lived a very short life and a mother lost a child back in the 1930's. Protect the people and make laws based upon the evidence and not conspiracies from Google.

Sincerely,

Joni Kamiya

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:36:46 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Veronica Ohara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in opposition to HB2459. Options or exemptions to vaccines in a small state, like the 50th State of Hawaii sets a dangerous precedent for all residents. Vaccines protect those who cannot protect themselves, infants, patients who are ill and have weak immune systems. Herd immunity is a proven factor in terms of public health and safety. The recent out break of Nouvel Corona Virus has caused grave concerns among Hawaii residents as reported in our news sources; clearly Hawaii is justifiably worried as we are a tourist destination. It's an unreasonable risk to allow exemptions for vaccines, especially because tourism is our number industry. Why should we run the risk of an out break of measles or small pox to satisfy a few who are unwilling to cooperate with what serves our larger community best.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:13:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
christy gusman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL

I DO NOT WANT MY KIDS SICK

IT IS THE STATES JOB TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM DISEASES

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:02:06 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Crawford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is nothing conscientious about rejecting vaccines for non-medical reasons.

School vaccine requirements protect the health and safety of schools, benefiting not just individual students but also classmates who, because of medical conditions or allergies, cannot receive vaccines themselves, or those who don't derive immunity from a particular vaccine, which happens to a small percentage of vaccinated children.

Decades of scientific evidence demonstrate that vaccines are necessary for maintaining the health of our schools and communities. This is why almost no religions reject vaccinations.

People might choose not to vaccinate their children because they misunderstand the solid science, or aren't educated about the great benefits of immunization, or even because they selfishly figure they don't need to vaccinate because the immunized children will protect their children for them.

What they are not doing is making a conscientious, moral choice. Please don't put the health of our children at risk by allowing anti-vaccination misinformation, lacking evidence to support its scientific validity, to hide under the nice-sounding label of "conscientious exemption."

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:21:50 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Denise Cohen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly support a high level of immunization in all communities in Hawaii and oppose HB 2459 which authorizes conscientious beliefs as a basis for exemption from vaccination requirements. I agree that vaccines do have a certain amount of risk and that is what the medical exemption is for. Allowing for conscientious objection places the community at risk for diseases that killed in the past.

One hundred years ago 6000 children died each year from measles. Even with modern medicine prior to vaccine on average 400 children died each year from measles in the 1960s. Countless more suffered from complications such as encephalitis and blindness. Countless more went deaf or became sterile because of mumps. Rubella was the cause of terrible birth defects such as blindness, deafness, and severe developmental disabilities when pregnant women became infected. My great grandmother had 11 children only 6 made it to adulthood, They died from measles, diphtheria, tetanus, influenza all vaccine-preventable diseases.

There are too many children today who cannot take vaccine for medical reasons. Allowing unvaccinated children to go to school puts these children who cannot be vaccinated at unnecessary risk.

This bill has the potential to put Hawaii at risk for a measles outbreak similar to the ones that have happened on the mainland.

I strongly oppose this bill

Respectfully

Denise Cohen PhD, APRN

Professor-Nursing

University of Hawaii Maui College

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:59:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kristyn Nishimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a parent and a pediatrician, I **strongly oppose** this bill as it will have detrimental effects on the health in our community. As we have recently witnessed in Samoa, there is a need to maintain high-immunization rates to provide individual and community protection against dangerous vaccine-preventable diseases. Closer to home, several recent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles and pertussis, which are potentially lethal to children, have been traced to pockets of unvaccinated children in states that allow personal belief exemptions. Leading medical organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, recognize the benefits and safety of vaccines for children and the risk of disease outbreaks when vaccine exemption rates increase. If passed, this bill may place our most vulnerable populations, our children and elderly, at risk for higher rates of infection and death.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:06:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jaroslava Sibia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

it's important to keep America as a free country and our medical decisions on every person.

no one can push me to do something what I against ...



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:08:18 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Tan, ND, MAcOM, LAc	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:09:15 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amanda LaCasse	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. Bodily autonomy comes from the right to life, which is also written in the Constitution. Section one of the 14th Amendment reinforces that the state cannot deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process. In many countries worldwide, some form of informed consent is required to perform any sort of medical procedure or study on a human subject. The Supreme Court has also upheld that all competent adults have the right to refuse any medical treatment, even if it is life-saving.

We all have the right to control, protect, and make decisions about our own body. As parents, we make these decisions for our minor children. However, when the government tries to force parents to vaccinate, creates distrust in both the pharmaceutical industry, the vaccine, and distrust in government. Any liability free products, such as vaccines, must be a choice more than any other medical procedure. I strongly support HB2459 and urge you to also support this bill. We the People have the right to decide for ourselves and our children. Please allow the people of Hawaii to make medical decisions on our own and with the advice of our physicians with full informed consent. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my testimony.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:35:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kaitlyn russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My family STRONGLY supports HB2459! Please think of our ohana

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:40:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Morgan Lindsey Egger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2459!! Please don't take away our **FREEDOM OF CHOICE** over the health and wellness of ourselves and our children!! **Our bodies, our children, our choice!**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:49:48 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Irene Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in total support of bill HB2459.

I am in support of this bill HB2459 as a mother, a Hawaii state resident, a tax paying and voting citizen, and as a professionally employed scientists. It is my fundamental human right to be in control of my body. The government does not have the right to miandate medical proceedures, and I have every right to be able to legally, ethically and fundamentally agree or disagree with any medical proceedures, including vaccines.

Informed consent is an essential process of any medical procedure. A medical proceedure that carry's any risk of harm must fundamentally allow choice. If there is a risk there must always be a choice!

Vaccines raise many safety and ethical concerns (heavy metals, aluminum, thimerisol, polysorbate 80 which allows toxic ingredients to cross the blood-brain barrier, aborted fetal cells, etc). Parents who know these things cannot in good conscience follow the mandatory vaccine schedule as is, especially when there are very well documented and understood injuries associated with certain vaccines - such as the HPV vaccine. Parents and individuals must have the right and be able to opt out of certain vaccines that they know and understand to carry high risk, risks that likely outweigh any potential benefits.

Further the decision about vaccinations should be between a parent and their doctor. The govenrment has no right to violoate our basic human rights - guaranteed to us by the US consitution - by mandating medical proceedures and vaccines. What is freedom if we do not have the freedom of choice when it comes to our bodies?

We absolutely must preserve our parental and individual rights by passing this bill for conscientious exemption to vaccination. Mahalo for reading! I.Kelly

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:56:09 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:07:48 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support my right to informed consent and any medical procedure needs my approval before it is performed on myself or my children.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:35:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Darrell Gella	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Everyone should have a right when it comes to vaccinations. It should not be limited to a medical or religious reason. I strongly support HB 2459!



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:43:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
J. kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

its my constitutional right what to put into my and my child(s) body.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:37:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sara DiGrazia	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Regarding Conscientious Exemption Bill Hearing HB2459-Support

Thursday, 2/6/20 8:45am

Conference Room 329

Hawai'i State Capitol

Dear Representatives,

My name is Sara DiGrazia and I am a Kama'aina to O'ahu, registered voter, licensed psychologist and mother. Thank you for hearing our testimony and considering such well-formulated and fair legislation. I am writing you in strong support of HB2459.

It is of utmost importance to maintain our medical freedom and choice no matter what the medical intervention. In the case of vaccines, our objections to mandated vaccines are personal. Our daughter has been recovering since March of 2019 from a severe adverse reaction to her first adult shot, the Tdap. I stood and laid next to her on and off for months as she struggled with dangerous fevers and day long vomiting spells. During this period, she looked like someone who had been starved. She lost some of her language skills and fought back fainting spells and general exhaustion until recently. Looking back at her medical record we can see that she had a reaction when she was given the childhood Dtaps, as well that lasted 6 months. With the current mandate, she would not be excepted from this vaccine, despite the fact that the doctor who administered the vaccine assumed she would be, given what happened to her.

If experts at the World Health Organization (<https://youtu.be/s2lujhTdCLE> ) are unsure of the overall safety of vaccines; if 1000s of children are damaged every year from vaccines; if none of the routine vaccines have been tested against an inert placebo; if the companies that make them are repeat felons responsible for such tragedies as the deaths caused from Vioxx and the opioid epidemic; when the companies themselves admit that the vaccines have “not been evaluated for its carcinogenic or mutagenic potential or impairment or infertility;” when the combination of vaccines at the ages given to our children have never been researched or evaluated; when chronic illness among children is up to 54% and the confluence of factors that is contributing to that has not been thoroughly evaluated, how can I feel comfortable giving my child (or myself) these vaccines?

I strongly support our continued right to choose for our family what medical interventions we will accept. I also support our ability to quarantine our children in our home where we can best care for them.

Thank you,

Sara DiGrazia, Psy.D.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:15:13 PM

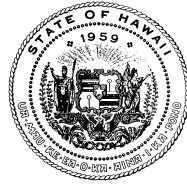
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pat Beekman	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459, Relating to Medical Autonomy.

Government should not be engaging in forced injections.



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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to H.B. 2459  
RELATING TO MEDICAL AUTONOMY**

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 02/06/2020

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Broadening immunization exemption criteria weakens the community  
2 protective barrier provided by high vaccination rates among residents in Hawaii. This could lead  
3 to higher risks of disease transmission and infection, occurrence of vaccine preventable diseases,  
4 and cost of healthcare. The Department of Health (DOH) would incur additional costs necessary  
5 to respond to the increase in vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks as a result of increased  
6 exemptions.

7 **Department Testimony:** DOH strongly opposes this proposal. Expanding the criteria to allow  
8 “conscientious objector” (philosophical) exemption risks reducing vaccination coverage rates in  
9 schools, post-secondary schools, and communities within the state. Evidence from CDC  
10 demonstrated that states with the strictest immunization laws tend to have the highest rates of  
11 immunization. Analysis by the Pew Charitable Trust indicated states that allow philosophical  
12 exemptions, which is easier to attain than religious exemptions, have 2.5 times the rate of  
13 vaccination opt-outs than in states with only religious exemptions. Several recent outbreaks of  
14 measles (e.g. NY state and city outbreaks; Clark County, WA), pertussis, and varicella  
15 (chickenpox) have been traced to pockets of unvaccinated children in states that allow personal  
16 belief exemptions (see <https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2069.pdf>). Here in Hawaii, during the  
17 recent mumps outbreak (March 3, 2017 – October 5, 2018), the mumps cluster on Kauai was  
18 largely related to unvaccinated children and young adults.

19 Maintaining high immunization rates is important to provide individual and community  
20 protection against dangerous vaccine-preventable diseases. Immunization requirements,

1 especially school entry health requirements, have been shown to be effective in improving  
2 vaccination coverage rates by increasing community demand for vaccination. Furthermore,  
3 altering language regarding the Department of Health's authority to discontinue the recognition  
4 of exemptions to immunizations during an epidemic can potentially place communities in the  
5 state of Hawaii at risk for higher rates of infection.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:21:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gretchen Manzer	Individual	Support	Yes

## Comments:

During his first year of life, my oldest son was vaccinated according to the recommended schedule. When he received his first dose of MMR at age 1, he suffered an adverse reaction and developed a horrible rash from head to toe along with a high fever. The rash eventually subsided, but it was followed by years of chronic diarrhea and behavioral issues that included extreme mood swings, episodes of rage, noise sensitivity, sensory issues and stimming. At times, it has been extremely difficult for our family, and I live with the guilt of that decision every day of my life. That experience is what caused me to research vaccines and I was shocked by the complete lack of safety studies, the lengthy list of known toxic ingredients, the use of both animal and aborted fetal human cells as well as possible reactions such as seizures, encephalitis, pneumonia, and death that are listed on the vaccine inserts themselves. Had I known all that before making the choice to vaccinate my son, I would have never proceeded. He hasn't received a vaccination since and I know that choice was the best possible decision our family could have made. When my younger son was born a few years later, it was clear he would remain vaccine free. No medical professional can guarantee that a vaccine injury or adverse effect won't happen. It's a roll of the dice every single time and no product that carries a risk like that should ever be mandated by the government. Despite my sons' injury, he does not qualify for a medical exemption, nor does his brother, and many other families in Hawaii are in the same, very difficult situation. The need for a conscientious exemption is clear. I fully support this bill and I ask you to do the same.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:45:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Taylor Roberts	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

I strongly support my family's ability to maintain its body sovereignty and conscientious object to one or more of the over 69 vaccines suggested currently by the CDC (with 100s awaiting patent). Many of these do not even pose a public health risk (e.g., Hepatitis B). We should be allowed to maintain our freedoms, especially when it comes to our bodies.

Thank you,

Taylor Roberts



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:27:16 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Bartlett	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**Background Summary That Created Present Business and Lobby Environment:**

I support HB2459 because I support the integrity of our public health system in Hawaii. I am not against science and medicine. My own dear infant baby girl was saved by modern medicine when she was just 6 days old. I respect medicine and public health. Please take the time to read this as I know most of you would want to be fair and uphold our public safety.

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I agree with smart protection against worldwide health threats.

I disagree with forced vaccines that are not for urgent needs such as giving a non sexually active sixth grader HPV or a newborn a bevy of vaccines such as Hep B which puts an unhealthy toxic burden on a little baby body. I disagree with the new “schedules” originating from the pharmaceutical companies where the doctors are simply following the schedules and reading the brochures from these pharmaceutical companies. Today multiple vaccines with multiple fillers and additives are mixed into one vial and scheduled into a Well Baby visit. Tomorrow more will be mixed into one vial. And who will have the integrity to question this?

**Challenge to Understand Pharmaceutical Lobby Industry and Influence**

Parents know to slowly introduce the baby’s food and watch for reactions. Why then would it be OK to suddenly add multiple vaccines and inject our keiki with new multiple vaccines. There is no research on this new heavy schedule. Even doctors from Ivy League schools read studies influenced by the manufacturers themselves. There is a heavy conflict of interest in the science presented with each new vaccine containing heavy bias. I do not currently have information on pharmaceutical company lobbyists who might have met with our state officials here in Hawaii but in Washington D.C. the lobbyists from the pharmaceutical companies have 30% more money than the defense company lobbyists. Companies like Merck have been protected from liability. They push new multiple vaccine schedules that make them more and more billions and at the same time have no one to answer to. Pharmaceutical companies have been

freed from liability since 1986. Today there are over 200 vaccines in production progress. A company can make billions each time another vaccine is rushed to market. The company's goal is to get more and more mandated for a sure income profit.

### **Not Allowing Business Interests to Overtake Hawaii Health**

If we do not take a stand we will allow these pharmaceutical companies to dictate to us and to our doctors who are trying to practise and at the same time keep up with new science. They are busy.. Our pediatricians and doctors simply get brochures now they have no time to self educate and advise anything different. Well Baby visits are no longer about the whole health of the baby. They weigh, measure and follow a vaccine schedule. Mothers are taking babies into the doctor to match the vaccine schedule. The professional health insurance companies of pediatricians now pressure the doctors to only follow the "suggested vaccine schedule." This is suggested by the pharmaceutical company reps and literature. They can suggest new needs for vaccines for each age and convince many state governments to go along. It is a spiral now out of control. Babies now have 72 shots. How will this stop? Pharmaceutical companies now are the prominent advertisers during evening newshours and we don't realize that in the rest of the world this has been outlawed, they cannot advertise on TV or influence the market.. These companies can make billions of each of new 200 vaccines npw in developments so they continually advertise and try to add more. . They have no incentive to stop or to do further testing.

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### **Why is the idea of Informed Consent A Key Right?**

Modern medicine holds Informed consent as its central ethical and legal principle.

The legal meaning of informed consent is about both parties-- that giving the treatment AND that receiving the treatment:

Informed consent is the law supported by the 14th Amendment of our Constitution. No physician or licensed professional can give any treatment without fully informed and explicit consent. The Health Department like all other entities involved in health care mandates must comply.

It means the party receiving the treatment has to not only agree to it but in addition has to be fully informed of the risks, benefits, and alternatives including non-treatment. It means pro-choice.

If the Health Department is requiring vaccinations under a new administrative law then the Health Department must verify and document that fully informed consent

was obtained in every case. All documentation regarding vaccination of adults and minors must contain a statement attesting that fully informed consent is obtained for vaccination.

#### **Why HAR 11-157 Distorts the Mandate to Ensure Public Health:**

The new administrative rule of HAR 11-157 distorts the mandate to ensure public health by creating requirements that:

- 1) violate the ethics of pro-choice
- 2) violate 14th Amendment guaranteeing bodily integrity
- 3) violate existing statutes regarding medical autonomy
- 4) place unethical pressure on medical health professionals due to excessive conflict of interest between scientific bodies and commercial manufacturers of the product where they remain liability free

Immunity and vaccinations are not the same. Immunity is a state of resistance to infection in the human body and vaccination is the injection of a foreign substance into the body. The injection of a vaccine may or may not result in immunity as is well documented and is stated in the product literature.

It is my right to be pro-choice for medical autonomy. Public health is meant to protect our community, our vulnerable seniors, children, the weak and each one of us. It is not to impose risk of death and risk of side effects on our children who have mitochondrial metabolic defects such as my own daughter.

These types of defects have the highest percentage of vaccine injury. These horrendous cases of lifetime damage to Hawaii's keiki could have been prevented if testing for mitochondrial defects could have been done prior to vaccinations.

There are a number of high profile cases in Hawaii's population where severe neurologic injury after vaccine was documented that subsequent medical testing determined these cases had underlying mechanical defects. The family and pediatrician were unaware of it. Medical testing to determine known high risk factors for mitochondrial disease is expensive and not covered by insurance. Not many of our Hawaiian families will be able to afford them to present sound medical exemptions. Must these families be forced into the cruelty of finding out their child will become brain injured or worse? nly determined to have mitochondrial defect. dysfunction

**Hidden Costs to the state:**

**Each neurologically injured child or adult is another child or adult who needs high support often for life that a patient that requires lifespan supports costs the state upward of 3.1 million dollars according to state data. Mandating vaccines without regard to side effects will cost the state untold money, not to mention causing multiple lawsuits to the state concerning denying the right to attend public schooling based on a vaccine record.**

**HAR 11-157 misrepresents and mischaracterizes the physical violation of a person's body. The act of vaccine injection into the skin is a serious breach of constitutionally protected civil rights requiring legally binding fully informed consent. Anything that breaches skin is considered an assault. Please allow families their pro-choice with options where we can keep the individual and the community protected**

**It's well known that not everybody can tolerate the same antibiotics for a bacterial infection just as not everyone can tolerate the same vaccine for attempted immunization. Please allow the citizens of Hawaii their rights to medical autonomy and pro-choice where there are options for both the individual and the community to be protected.**

Thank you,

Cynthia Bartlett

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:32:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ofa ofa	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:40:07 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
christina cox	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:02:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maly Gella	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

As a Registered Nurse of 23 years I am in strong support of this bill. Vaccines like all medications carry risk and should never be treated as one size fits all. When someone seeks medical care they expect and deserve individualized care & a treatment plan that is tailored to them or their child. The same should hold true for vaccines.

No one knows their child better than their parent/s and if they feel they want to give the full vaccine schedule as is, opt for a delayed schedule, selectively vaccinate, or not give any at all, that decision must be left to the parent. I as a nurse must also be afforded that same right. I have seen adverse reactions to medications, some minor and some severe. Once an allergic reaction happens that medication is added to the patients records as an allergy without hesitation. Yet when a parent says, my child had a reaction to a vaccine in Most cases the parent is dismissed & it is NOT Indicated in their chart. Why the disconnect. Why is it so hard to believe that vaccines could be harmful to some? I have seen vaccine injury first hand. I know it is real and I know it is not rare! Please pass HB 2459 and allow parents and individuals their God-given right to body autonomy. This bill Will Not put more children at risk, this bill will protect children, this bill will allow parents and individuals to make health decisions regarding vaccines that are best for themselves and/or their child.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:00:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela M Mabini	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459

\*We need something to protect the discrimination against parents and children who in good conscious for various, legitimate reasons (including the good health and safety of their children) need to decline the risk of one or more vaccines.

\*Currently, there is a certain percentage of children who will receive a vaccine and will NOT produce an immune response because all vaccines have a failure rate - measles is 3%, mumps is 66%-95% , rendering these vaccine recipients to have the EXACT same vulnerability and contagiousness of disease as an unvaccinated child. These failed vaccinated children, who are just as much a "danger" so to speak as the unvaccinated, continue to receive a full life's education - preK thru to college, including their FAPE rights (free appropriate public education) without concern of their child's rights, while those whose parents' need to follow their conscious to protect their child for a number of legitimate reasons and can not comply with the current mandates are punished. While these children LOSE access to their promised and entitled FAPE benefits as legal residents in this country, and then their same, "not-immune" counterparts due to vaccine failure get to keep their FAPE benefits. Also, add to the loss of their children's education, the financial fines of the parents: an ability to work a day job and earn an annual income without worry or payment to others to care for their child - this greatly decreases the family's financial well being, an incredible fine to pay when their child's immune status is just like many others who are attending the free schools, and whose rights are intact -- this loss of FAPE is a perfect prompt for institutionalized coercion.

Personally, I know children who began to have seizures after vaccines and as it is listed on many inserts, they asked their doctors about it where the doctors are not allowed/choose not to give a medical exemption for that. Also, I saw another's child develop a tick and head rolls within the day of vaccines yet the pediatrician and neurologist wouldn't go on record to say it was the vaccine--off record the pediatrician admitted it was a noticeable behavior change within 2 days of giving the vaccine to when they returned when because of these strange behaviours and also the neurologist probably could be but can't say for sure in writing. Encephalitis is what was happening and a year later a medical exemption was finally awarded, they were lucky to get it.

\*Also with this HPV vaccine mandate, many a 12 to 18 yr olds are at ZERO risk for HPV



because they are not having sex or intimately touching other people's privates yet they lose their FAPE right if they don't take on an added risk of being harmed by a vaccine? It is a huge overstep to say to our young people "in order to access your entitled FAPE BENEFITS as promised to all American resident children, you **MUST ADD the RISK of VACCINE INJURY** (no matter how miniscule, there **IS** a risk of harm) and get a vaccine for a disease you have **ZERO RISK** of getting because they make protective behavior and lifestyle choices already.

Thank you very much for your consideration of the safety we seek in this bill. It has a very important role in the lives of many of our keiki.

Have a wonderful day and session moving forward!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:01:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Renee Dieperink	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Health Committee,

I would like to express my utmost gratitude to Chair Mizuno for scheduling HB2459 for a hearing. I wholeheartedly SUPPORT this bill.

I have been an elementary school teacher for 31 years, and I wonder why, if vaccines are supposed to keep us healthy, my students have become sicker and sicker over the years. When I started teaching there was maybe one student in each class that had something, if any. Now, year after year, more than half of my class has one or more chronic illnesses. My name for the current generation that I teach is “generation sick”.

Before the school year even starts I have health meetings for many students, and there are days I almost feel more like a nurse, instead of a teacher. My students have seizures, type-1 diabetes, ADHD, autism, asthma, allergies, neurodevelopmental disorders, eczema, arthritis, Crohn’s disease, speech delays, cancer, psoriasis, IBS, tics, and the list goes on. On top of this many students suffer from learning disabilities, anxiety disorder, depression, bipolar disorder, conduct disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, and obesity. Teachers often have to do “room clears” when a student displays disruptive behaviors with violent outbursts. These incidents are increasing every year, and in some years I had them almost daily, creating much stress to all the other students.

The fact that all this has become so “normal” is illustrated by this anecdote. One of my coworker’s son walked into his mother’s class, and observed some students with issues leaving the room. When they were gone he asked his mother, “What do I have?” His mother said, “What do you mean?” to which he replied, “You know, Billy has ADHD, Johnny has autism, Suzie has asthma. What do I have?” He seemed confused when his mother said, “Nothing! You are perfectly healthy!” Children are growing up thinking it is NORMAL to have a chronic condition!

The increase in the percentage of my students that suffer from any of these conditions seems to coincide perfectly with the increase in the vaccine schedule.

**It's a coincidence, they say.**

**You may ask yourself what all this has to do with this bill I am testifying for. If you read the inserts on the vaccines, you will find that all of the conditions I mentioned are actually listed as side effects of vaccines!!! Another coincidence?**

**I cannot recall the number of times parents have shared with me that their child was perfectly normal and healthy, until they received vaccines. They have even shown me videos of their child before a particular vaccine, and after. The difference is particularly striking when children regress into autism after a vaccine, and become non-verbal, headbanging, and diaper wearing into adulthood. If autism is only being diagnosed better nowadays, then where are all the adults like this? Our special education classes are exploding, which necessitates a push for full inclusion of sped students into the general education setting.**

**Vaccine requirements for school enrollment are changing per July 2020. I have heard MANY parents panicked, especially regarding the HPV vaccine. Many parents are okay with giving most of these vaccines to their children, but do NOT want to give their child the HPV vaccine.**

**A conscientious exemption would, for example allow parents to opt out of this one vaccine for their sixth grader. They may want to administer it later, once their child becomes an adult, or sexually active, or not at all. Parents don't understand why certain vaccines are required for diseases that are not contagious. It's not like their child will "catch" HPV while sitting next to someone in class. The conscientious exemption would allow a more personalized management of preventative health care, as it should be. No one size fits all! There is no area in medicine that uses this model. Why should vaccination be any different? Please support this bill, and allow conscientious exemptions. Aloha!**

Cheryl Toyofuku  
Mother, Grandmother, Registered Nurse, Health & Life Advocate  
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February 4, 2020

Representative John Mizuno, Chair of House Health Committee  
Hearing Date and Time: February 6, 2020 at 8:45 a.m., Room 329  
Re: Strong Support of HB 2459

Aloha Chair Mizuno and Representatives of the House Health Committee,

Please support HB 2459 that will provide the people of Hawaii with medical autonomy and a conscientious exemption to vaccinations.

Despite the mantra from government and health agencies that vaccines are “safe and effective”, it is well known that vaccines often fail to work, injure and kill. Yet, more vaccines are being mandated, violating our fundamental rights and medical/health freedoms. If vaccines are so safe, why did the vaccine manufacturers need a law to protect and exempt themselves from liability? Since federal protection was given to them via the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, vaccines became highly profitable at the expense of our children’s health.

We have the sickest generation with 54% of our children suffering from a chronic illness, such as autoimmune or neurological diseases. One in six children are diagnosed with a neuro-developmental disability such as autism, ADD/ADHD and more schools are requiring special education programs. Toxic vaccine ingredients should not be injected into their bodies, such as neurotoxic aluminum, mercury, human DNA fragments from aborted babies, animal cells from cow blood, monkey and dog kidneys, bacterial and viral DNA, formaldehyde, msg, and polysorbate 80 known to cause cancer.

Hundreds of adverse events are listed in the vaccine package inserts, yet the vaccine schedule has increased and exploded to 72 doses from birth to age 18. Vaccines have never been studied for safety long term or against a real placebo. They have never been tested for safety in combination, yet up to 6 to 9 doses are given to children at a doctor’s visit. The U.S. gives more vaccines than any other country and also has the highest rates of chronic health issues, including type-1 diabetes, asthma, seizure disorders, multiple sclerosis, infertility, autism, autoimmune issues, cancer and sudden death. All of these have been linked to vaccines or their ingredients by scientific studies.

It is very grievous and disheartening that the new amendments made to HAR 11-157 has been signed into law and goes into effect in July, 2020. Thus, adding 5 more vaccines to the current schedule, including TDaP, Meningococcal and HPV/Gaardasil for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The manufacturer of the HPV vaccine is currently in federal court, charged with fraud during their clinical trials. Known adverse reactions to the HPV vaccine include transverse myelitis, autoimmune disease, early menopause, premature ovarian failure, sterility, paralysis, MS, chronic pain, seizures, narcolepsy, blindness, and many more.

As our lawmakers, please be aware that many parents and health care workers are very alarmed at the dangers of vaccine mandates. When there is a risk to any medical procedure, including vaccinations, there must be choice. An informed health benefit/risk conscientious decision to consent or refuse is a fundamental human right for all parents and people. Please support and pass HB2459 out of your Committee.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:00:34 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Ragan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT HB2459. It is an inalienable right to decide what to put into your body. No one, including the government, should be able to force any medical procedure on anyone.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:24:29 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kristin stanley	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I support HB 2549. I believe we have the right to choose what goes into our bodies, we should not be forced or mandated by the government. It is my job to protect my children and do what is right for them and their little bodies.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:53:26 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marissa Treskon	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2459. We, as parents and residents of Hawaii, should be able to have the right to decide what is best for ourselves and our children. It is no longer a secret that vaccines can and do harm. Where there is risk there must absolutely be choice. I'm asking that you support our right to bodily autonomy. Thank you.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:15:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
christy Kalama	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:



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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:08:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jilly gold	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. The freedom to govern our own bodies, and the bodies we've created, is a freedom that needs be recognized, and upheld in the court of law.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:44:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ashlyn	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459! My son after his two month vaccination had a really bad reaction.It was a nightmare as a parent with a new born. He had a really bad rash that covered his entire body, puss coming out of every crease on his body, yeast infection on his neck and diaper area,shedding of his skin and hair and his skin also felt like sand paper,really red and raw. He was constanly fussy and never got much sleep. As a parent I was heartbroken seeing my baby in so much pain and not being able to take the suffering away. I hope my testimony will open your mind and heart that this bill will mean so much to not only me and my family but all the other families who were injured by vaccines.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:06:15 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nichole A.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. This is the freedom america fights for!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:43:50 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kehaulani	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2459! Vaccinations and Immunizations should be a choice not mandated! If you can't 100% guarantee there will not be any effects then we as individuals and parents should be allowed to choose.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:28:47 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Adler	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

My name is Lauren Adler and I have been a registered nurse in Hawaii for almost five years. I am also currently studying to be a family nurse practitioner. I am in opposition of vaccine mandates and an advocate for true informed consent for all medical procedures. In honoring the right to informed consent, medical professionals must fully disclose the risks in addition to the benefits of the procedure. It is at that point that the participant may decide whether or not that particular medical intervention is right for them. It is not within the scope of practice for ANY health care professional to force or coerce ANY individual into medical treatment. Where there is risk, there must be choice. The right to informed consent and to refuse medical intervention is our basic human right and is recognized in international law. As participants in the medical system, it is our legal right to conscientious exemption. As a professional in the medical system, it is my lawful duty not to intervene with “any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion.” By definition, a mandate is an authoritative command; a formal order from a superior official to an inferior one. By no means do I feel that I am superior to any person in my care for any reason, especially when my medical training on this subject consisted merely of vaccination schedule (i.e. when to give) and administration (i.e. how to give). At no point in my education was I taught about the ingredients in vaccines, the flaws in our safety studies, serious adverse events caused by vaccination and how to report them, or efficacy rates.

I am an advocate for public health, just as much as I am for the health of the individual. I understand the threats we face and the fear surrounding infectious disease. The current narrative argues that those who exercise exemption pose a risk to the health of the public. However, myself and many other health care professionals coming forward, call into question the validity of that public consensus. We know that vaccines are not 100% effective and that both symptomatic and asymptomatic vaccinated individuals can transmit infection to others. That being stated, isolation or quarantine in one’s home in the event of illness or outbreak is an effective measure for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated population.

Thus, I fully support HB 2459.

Respectfully,

Lauren Adler

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:36:04 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kehaulani	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha to all whom it may concern,

I strongly SUPPORT bill HB2459 because where there is a risk, there MUST BE A CHOICE. It is unethical to have vaccine mandates in a "free" country and bodily autonomy and medical freedom is our moral responsibility. There is A LOT to consider (like medical and hereditary background) when injecting anything into a child's unique body, and any parent in their right mind wants nothing but a safe and healthy child. Safety + health must be a choice, and especially when vaccine manufacturers are not held liable, use toxic ingredients, and have no proper scientific studies PROVING they are safe for every child and person. Please listen to highly educated and concerned parents.

Mahalo for your time

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:31:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dawn Poiani	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

From: Dawn Poiani

Submitted on: February 4, 2020

Testimony in support of: HB2459 Relating to Medical Autonomy

Submitted to: Committee on Health

I Support HB2459

Dear Representatives,

“Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescription of the divine law.”

Those who would give up Essential Liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserves neither liberty nor safety.

In even stronger terms, canon law warns that “a human being must always obey the certain judgment of his conscience. If he were deliberately to act against it, he would condemn himself.”

Informed consent is a bedrock ethical principle in medicine. The right to refuse medical intervention is a basic human right recognized in international law. Vaccines, like all medical treatments have risks as well as benefits. These vary with circumstances, including the patient’s medical condition, medical history and genetics. In 2012, the IOM published a report, Adverse Effects of Vaccines: Evidence and Causality, and acknowledged there are genetic, biological and environmental risk factors not yet



identified that can increase “individual susceptibility” to vaccine reactions, but most of the time doctors cannot predict who is at risk:

“Both epidemiologic and mechanistic research suggests that most individuals who experience an adverse reaction to vaccines have a pre-existing susceptibility. These predispositions can exist for a number of reasons – genetic variants (in human or microbiome DNA), environmental exposures, behaviors, intervening illness or developmental stage, to name just a few, all of which can interact. Some of these adverse reactions are specific to the particular vaccine, while others may not be. Some of these predispositions may be detectable prior to the administration of vaccine; others, at least with current technology and practice, are not.” – Institute of Medicine.

Vaccine injury is far greater than is reported. A Harvard CDC commissioned study found not more than 10% of all vaccine injuries are reported to VAERS. With chronic health conditions skyrocketing, the new normal, is unhealthy. There has never been a vaccinated vs unvaccinated study comparing the overall health of each group. The entire ACIP vaccine schedule has not been evaluated for safety or long term health outcomes. Vaccine makers are liability free and therefore are not motivated to make a safer vaccine.

With the passing of HAR 11-157 Department of Health Administrative rule changes have eliminated the consideration of medical circumstances of each individual when administering vaccinations. Children that react to one vaccine will not be exempt from other vaccines. This is bad medical practice and will certainly raise the vaccine injury rates in Hawaii. Not all vaccines on the required vaccine schedule are for the “Greater Good”, such as Hep B, HPV and Tetanus as they are not socially communicable in a school setting. These vaccines should not be mandatory, but optional for school attendance. Children that are Hepatitis B positive are protected by law and can attend school and are not required to disclose their status, whereas students that do not have the Hep B vaccine cannot go to school. This is discrimination and carry’s and unfair bias towards forced medical practice.

Simply being unvaccinated does not make a person contagious. An unvaccinated person as well as a vaccinated person are susceptible to catching and spreading disease. Isolation or quarantine, in the event of an outbreak, is an effective alternative to vaccination, and should actually be indicated for both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. If a vaccine prevents symptomatic illness, it might still allow transmission of infection to others.

Vaccines are a medical treatment performed on a healthy individual. Vaccines carry risks and benefits that must be weighed by the individual that has the deep understanding of their own health and deeply held spiritual beliefs. Vaccines should never be forced on any individual for any reason. Where there is risk there must be choice. The collateral damage accepted by vaccine policy makers, in the name of "The Greater Good", is an unethical principle of standard of care.

<https://vaccinepapers.org/>

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:46:50 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cam Cavasso	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee.

I am Cam Cavasso, a former member of this body.

I write/speak in favor of this bill for purpose of protecting the practice of informed consent and the right to make knowledgeable medical decisions based on the unique health conditions and circumstances of my self, spouse, children, grandchildren and related persons.

I will use a real life analogy to illustrate my point of view and advocacy for wise options.

But first, I wish it to be known, that I support in general the concept and practice of vaccination/immunization. Small pox has been stopped by vaccination. Polio has almost been eradicated by vaccination. I have requested and received vaccinations before traveling to at risk regions.

I also know however, as I am sure you will hear in other testimonies, that there is medical risk, and sometimes severe medical risk in the type and actual vaccination process itself. We must have the freedom to research, study, and evaluate this risk. We must further have the right to make informed decisions as to which vaccines to postpone or avoid altogether based on our unique circumstances.

Perhaps the analogy of my selective use of the now known dangerous herbicide roundup can best illustrate my point. My family owns, lives on, and operates a seven acre turf farm and erosion control business. A key contributing factor in the economic viability and success of our business is the cautious and targeted use of roundup, but not indiscriminately.

I am very careful and directive where and when I allow the application of roundup. I allow its use in the fields and specific locations. I do not allow its use near and around

the residences or living quarters where it might jeopardize the health of persons I do not allow even the application of roundup by persons whose special health circumstances may put them at greater risk.

This same principle applies to the use of vaccines. We must have the right to be discriminatory in the appropriate use or non use of specific vaccines in specific circumstances.

Mahalo, Cam

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sierra Dew	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. Body sovereignty is a human right. Vaccination should require fully informed consent and not be forced upon the public with limited education as to the full risks of vaccines. Vaccine injuries are life debilitating and not rare. Vaccine mandates violate the Hawai'i State Constitution, Section 1.6 "Right to Privacy" by failing to provide a "compelling state interest" for each vaccine currently mandated for children. One of the most alarming things is that all vaccine manufacturers and providers are exempt from liability claims! This makes me highly question the integrity of this system (1986 NCVIA). In fact, investing in vaccines is highly profitable, accountability free, big business. Hawai'i's HAR11-157 just added 5 more vaccines to be required for school eligibility (including HPV/Gardasil) yet this vaccine schedule as administered has NEVER been evaluated for cumulative or long term safety. There have been nearly 75,000 adverse reactions and 500 deaths reported to VAERS due to the HPV/GARDASIL vaccine. Additionally, Merck is currently in federal court accused of fraud during their clinical safety trials of HPV/Gardasil.

Thank you,

Sierra Dew

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
michelle andrews	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Krystal Yasukawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. This bill would be fundamental in protecting an individual's human right to bodily sovereignty and medical autonomy. I support this because I have been medically advised to abstain from the administration of flu shots due to an allergic reaction when I was four years old, and have had systemic effects since then such as eczema. I have not received a medical note for this, yet being able to rightfully exercise my medical autonomy and say "No" to the flu shot based on the effects known, has been beneficial. I have not had the flu ever, even working in the hospitals and around high risk clients. As a mother of three, I strive to protect the freedom of the next generation in their decision-making abilities, especially on what they can administer in their bodies based on increased knowledge and factual discernment.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:21:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hiroe Suenaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459



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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:27:28 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

My name is Daya Akina, I am a mother of two young children, and I strongly support HB2459. Mahalo for your consideration!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:09:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chantelle Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. We need to have the freedom weigh the risks and to decline all vaccines or certain vaccines. Vaccines, like other pharmaceutical drugs have serious side effects and risks and we shouldn't need a religious exemption to opt out of a vaccine that lists death as a side effect.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:15:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
GRACE SUENAGA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a Registered Nurse and I strongly support HB2459. There are many side effects to drugs and we are not educating ourselves enough about the dangers that lie in using too many chemicals. Do we not see the increase in Autoimmune diseases, autism, cancers in the United States? We have all this technology and advanced health care, yet we are a sick nation with a huge health crisis that is only getting worse. Pharmaceutical companies control a lot of what is going on in the government because they have the financial power to influence our leaders. There is too much corruption, we are contaminating our world-land, ocean, and air with chemicals and even worse our bodies with more chemicals.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Elizabeth Rey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Respectfully submitted to the House Committee on Health

My name is Mary Elizabeth Rey. I strongly support HB 2459 and urge you to pass this important bill to protect the God-given right of parents and guardians to care for the well-being and bodies of our children.

I believe it is religious exemptions, informed consent, and conscientious exemptions which should be mandated NOT vaccinations.

I have seen first-hand the severe adverse reactions of my grandson to a multiple vaccination cocktail. It was frightening to witness the struggle of his body to deal with the assault of chemicals and metals that are deemed to be harmless. He was harmed and there was no antidote, no going back to before the vaccinations. I have seen other children who are irreversibly harmed. I now have a 3 year old great-granddaughter who is a healthy, bright, and engaged unvaccinated child. She deserves the right to be cared for and protected by the beliefs of her parents.

Mahalo for this opportunity to present this testimony in favor of HB2459 and again, I strongly urge you to pass this critically important bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 4:52:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rachael Ziebold	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony for HB 2459: Relating to Medical Autonomy.

I strongly support HB2459.

Last year, the Hawai'i Department of Health revised the HR 11-157 without legislative oversight to add several new vaccine requirements for school including HPV for seventh grade. This was a gross overreach of the department's power, as it essentially denies students the right to public or private education for failure to receive a vaccine for a disease that cannot be transmitted in a school setting. While the DOH held hearings for testimony on every island, the decision makers including Sarah Park did not even bother to show up and look parents in the eye. This rules change set a bad precedent for Hawai'i. Allowing the unelected bureaucrats at DOH to revise vaccine schedules outside the legislative process and deny children their civil right to education for noncompliance is fundamentally in conflict with the Hawai'i Constitution.

Passing HB2459 and enacting a conscientious exemption would allow parents and children to regain control over their own health decisions, particularly in light of the fact that DOH is so willing to restrict the rights of children even where there is no compelling state interest. It will save the state thousands in legal costs by avoiding the inevitable legal challenges to these vaccine mandates. And most importantly, it upholds the most fundamental of human rights, that of bodily autonomy. Everyone should have the right to evaluate and decide what they put in their own bodies and those of their children, free of coercion from the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rachael Ziebold

Papaikou, Hawai'i

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Health

Cristine Gibbons

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Support for H.B. 2459, Relating to Medical Autonomy

I strongly support H.B. 2459, Relating to Medical Autonomy, which gives medical freedom to citizens who wish to decline any vaccines that are in conflict with their religious beliefs, or which are a contraindication to their medical history; for instance, and autoimmune condition. Furthermore, the bill proposes more freedom for those who want to make a conscientious decision to decline vaccines based on one's thorough and careful research of all potential vaccine adverse reactions, possible risks, and inadequate vaccine testing and efficacy.

Under the United States Constitution, the First Amendment protects our religious freedoms. This should also apply to how we choose to govern our bodies and our health, and the bodies and health of our children, in agreement with our religious beliefs. Freedom to choose what medicines we accept into our bodies should be a personal and individual right and choice. Vaccines are irreversible and have the potential for life-long side effects.

In closing, I would like to urge the committee to pass H.B. 2459 and help to retain the values and integrity of our US Constitutional First Amendment rights. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Valerie Robinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Lawmakers,

My husband is ill with an autoimmune disorder. He was forced to get many vaccines while in the military which most likely lead to his illness. My children also are at high risk of having an autoimmune disorder and as a parent I need to protect them and keep them as healthy as possible. We have struggled emotionally, physically and financially due to my husbands illness. As Americans we should have the right to choose whether or not our children are vaccinated without having to prove or defend our reasons of why we choose not to vaccinate. I plead with you to consider this when making your decision. If you were in my position I'm sure you would also feel like you should be able to make the choice of what is right for your family. Thank you so much for taking time to hear out testimony.

Valerie Robinson

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
carla favata	Hawaii for informed consent	Support	No

Comments:

I am a pediatric nurse and I strongly support HB2459.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Megan everett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of HB2459

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
alison grasse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2459.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:53:18 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kristen Coles	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

As a physician based in Oahu I support this bill for protecting the rights of individuals to make decisions regarding their own medical autonomy in conjunction with their physician. I believe this bill protects individual's medical rights but also protects the community in case of a viral epidemic by requiring an unvaccinated individual to shelter in their own home if designated by the DOH. Please support this bill and help preserve medical autonomy in the state of Hawaii.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Natasha Noble	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christina Jung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony for HB2459: Relating To Medical Autonomy.

I strongly support HB2459.

This bill will prevent vaccine adverse reactions and vaccine failures, increase employment opportunities, support school enrollment, and prevent expensive and unethical quarantine situations.

1. Preventing vaccine adverse reactions:

Since the DOH added twelve injections of five more vaccines to the HAR 11-157 school vaccine requirements, it is inevitable that there will be an increase in vaccine adverse reactions.

The new schedule requires 31 injections with 47 vaccines within 18 years

(Hep B x 3, DTaP x 5, Hib x 3, PCV x 4, Hep A x 2, IPV x 4, MMR x 2, VAR x 2, Tdap x 1, 2 x MCV, HPV x 3).

An 18-month-old baby is required to get 25 injections with 35 vaccines for daycare.

Conscientious exemptions will protect children's health by allowing parents and doctors to decide the safest vaccine schedule for each individual child.

The CDC says, "Fainting after getting a vaccine is most commonly reported after three vaccines given to adolescents: HPV, MCV4, and Tdap." The CDC also states, "A total of 463 reports of postvaccination syncope during January 1, 2005--July 31, 2007 were identified among persons aged >5 years, compared with 203 reports during 2002--2004." The CDC schedule added MCV and Tdap in 2005 and HPV in 2006, the same years that fainting reports more than doubled. Fainting can cause fatal injuries and accidents. For my children's safety, I conscientiously oppose giving these 7th grade vaccine requirements.

The HPV vaccine is especially contravercial and worthy of conscientious exemptions. *The Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine recently reported a 54% increase in cervical cancer among 24-29 year olds, the first recipients of the HPV vaccine.*

*The University of Alabama* reported higher cervical cancer rates in counties with higher HPV vaccine uptake. A new study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* suggests that one HPV vaccine is just as effective as three. The World Health Organization is "calling on countries that are vaccinating boys against the human papillomavirus (HPV) to suspend these programmes until all girls who need the vaccine can get it." Yet, Hawaii is still requiring all 7th grade boys and girls to receive 3 doses of the HPV vaccine. I conscientiously oppose this vaccine requirement.

The HPV vaccine adverse reactions can be fatal, debilitating, and can tragically destroy the lives of healthy teenagers. The HPV virus is a sexually transmitted disease and is not a risk in classrooms. For the safety of my children, I conscientiously oppose this unsafe and ineffective vaccine.

## 2. Preventing vaccine failures

Vaccine failures and waning vaccine-induced immunity have caused many fully vaccinated outbreaks of whooping cough and mumps. The journal *Pediatrics* reported, "The research looked at nearly half a million children born between 1999 and 2016, and found that most whooping cough cases -- 82% -- occurred in children who were fully

vaccinated or over-vaccinated." The inefficacy of these vaccines makes them unworthy of mandates and worthy of conscientious exemptions.

### 3. Increase employment opportunities

This bill will increase employment by allowing more adults to work at places that might be opposed due to vaccine requirements. This is especially significant for healthcare workers who refuse certain vaccines. I took prerequisite classes for the HCC nursing degree. However, I stopped perusing it when I learned that there was no way for nurses to opt out of certain vaccines.

With the current Coronavirus situation, when the vaccine becomes available, it will not have been tested for long term safety. Adults may refuse to work at places that require a new and barely tested vaccine.

### 4. Support school enrollment

This bill will support school enrollment, especially for small schools. With the increased vaccine requirements, parents will support homeschooling instead. Small schools will experience negative financial impacts of lower enrollment due to the vaccine requirements. Allowing conscientious exemptions will support schools, prevent school closure from low enrollment, and will encourage educational rights without discrimination for all students in Hawaii.

### 5. Prevent expensive and unethical quarantine

This bill will support community health and public safety by allowing home quarantine. Identification and isolation are effective ways for containing infectious diseases, as seen by the few measles cases that occurred among Hawaii visitors last year. Home quarantine is especially better for the elderly and young children. I conscientiously oppose military supported quarantine and separation from homes.

There are many more reasons to support HB2459. I have described a few reasons that I consider especially important. Thank you for your consideration.

For the health and well being of Hawaii residents and children, please vote YES on HB2459.



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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:20:35 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephanie Safholm	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a life long supporter of bodily autonomy- the belief that we, as Americans, have control over our own body and medical decisions I support this bill for the future of this bodily autonomy here in Hawaii. This is what it comes down to - do you believe that we have the right to refuse a mandated treatment that has the risk of DEATH and serious injury? Do we have the right to a refuse or conscientiously object to mandated treatment that HAS NOT BEEN TESTED ACCORDING TO SCIENTIFIC STANDARDS OF THE DOUBLE BLIND STUDY for medicantions? Not so long ago we thought that forced sterilization, forced abortion, forced experimentation (on mostly people of color) was abhorrent. While I do believe that vaccinations could be safer in the future and I trust the scientific method, they have yet to prove through double blind studies of their safety.

Please give humans in Hawaii the right to object to mandated vaccinations.

Mahalo,

Stephanie Safholm

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:22:02 AM

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

Comments:

My family and I strongly support HB 2459 because adds conscientious exemptions broaden the criteria for medical exemption and helps people to file for their medical or religious exemptions . Please keep our religious exemptions and held us to adds conscientious exemptions as well thank you .

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:39:20 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vivian Grasse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:23:04 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jon Estep	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Jon Estep. I strongly support this bill because I believe we should not be forced to trust others for the health of ourselves and our families. More freedom please.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:42:20 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lawrence J. Grasse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:07:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Natalie Terry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it's may concern,

I strongly support HB2459.

There are so many diseases which don't have a vaccine and are killing people, but we don't hear about those in the media. Why? Is it because people want to make money?

People say that measles was eradicated, but in the year they say it was (2000) the CDC confirmed "86 occurrences" and several more since.

Live virus vaccines will not be eradicated, because they all have the potential to shed and spread. My 8 year old was infected with pertussis from friends who had contracted whooping cough from their DTaP vaccine shot. Their mother called the pediatrician, and the doctor confirmed that this had occurred in several other patients. (My child did just fine with a Vit C regimen.)

Why force children who are most vulnerable to toxins to have these vaccines, when most adults walking around don't have half of the vaccines that a 6 month old baby does. There is no herd immunity because of that population. So, mandating these vaccines for children is like putting a bandaid on a dam break. (No, I do not want mandated vaccines for adults for only 16 out of the hundreds or thousands of diseases out there.)

I would be happy to do a self-imposed quarantine in the case of a pandemic. We already self-regulate. We know when we have symptoms and stay home. What about those who are recently vaccinated, who don't show symptoms of the disease because of the vaccine, but who are like biological snipers spreading the disease without anyone knowing. \*This\* is why maternity wards request the recently vaccinated to stay out and why oncologists counsel cancer patients to stay away from the recently vaccinated. (Note... the information that oncologists give their patients do Not mention to stay away from the unvaccinated.)

We shouldn't be forced to put anything into our bodies that has a chance of death listed as a side-effect. (Look to the Nuremberg Trials.)

Very Sincerely,

Natalie Terry

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:48:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Taefu	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I strongly support HB2459 on behalf of my son and other vaccine injured children. If there is a risk then there must be a choice. Do not take away our God given freedom of choice which is also protected in our Constitution and Bill of Rights.



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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:55:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
karen ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. And can you give us a heads up informing us what other of our rights your planning on taking away?

Karen L. Ramos

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:16:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marissa Abadir	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Our bodies, our choices.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:00:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shawna Pereira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is our human right to decide what pharmaceutical products does or does NOT go into our body and the bodies of our children. Like ALL other medical interventions/procedures that cause injury, death, or fail to work, we need to have the right to opt out. If there is a risk, there needs to be a choice. I support HB2459.

Thank you,

Shawna Pereira

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:13:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica McCormick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:12:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandon Smart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill as protecting our personal medical decisions/freedom and fully support the philosophical exemptions for vaccines. The science on vaccine safety and efficacy is a matter of debate. Thank you.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:42:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cindy Griffin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB 2459.

Having worked with nearly 3000 children with severe reactions, unpredictably so, to vaccines in over 20 years, giving parents this exemption maintains parental decision-making for their children's medical care, and for those who have a history that might indicate sensitivity to a vaccine or vaccines, a net of safety to opt out. Vaccine exemptions have been allowed in all states until recently, and in those with the exemption, while vaccine rates have reduced, the incidence of diseases has NOT INCREASED.

Please support this bill with maintains the body sovereignty over medical decision making to the adult or the child's parents. It is not giving us a new freedom, merely maintaining freedoms already granted to us by Ke Akua.

Mahalo for supporting this bill.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:41:23 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Where there is risk there must be choice. Reasonable options must be provided for those children and adults within the population who are at high risk for vaccine injury due to medical issues like genetics or allergies and for those who have religious or ethical beliefs that don't support vaccination principles. This is not an issue we can force with an all or nothing approach. The use of genetic screening to find those most at risk for injury and alternative vaccination schedules allowing certain individuals to receive vaccines in a way that limits potential negative outcomes are just 2 of the way we can begin to vaccinate more responsibly.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:26:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kaila toetuu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of HB2459. Please Do not take our rights always to be able to get religious exemptions for vaccinations. Where there is risk there HAS TO BE a choice. Please please please!



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:31:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley Doscher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:31:42 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Heather Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HB2459 and urge the Committee to pass this bill.

As a parent I have taught my children that they have power over their body. Body autonomy is a fundamental right and no one should take that away. After informed consent and being advised by a our doctors, the final decision should always be ours. This is because it is our body and we will be the ones to ultimately live with the decision. Also, given the fact that all pharmaceutical companies have no liability, because of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, we must be deligent in protecting ourselves. Even though the NCVIA of 1986 put safeguards into place to ensure the government would oversee the continued improvement of safety and efficacy of vaccines, in 2018 it was proven that our Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has neglected their vaccine safety obligations for over 30 years. They were charged with constant monitoring and improving of adverse event reporting and were to provide a report on such improvements to Congress every two years. None were given; what was even more unnerving was that they blocked the public's attempts to access the reports, even refusing the Freedom on Information Act request and had to have a lawsuit filed before they complied. When our safeguards in the government fails to protect us, it is our right to rise up and ensure our body autonomy is safeguarded.

With the fear of new diseases spreading across our media, the need to solidify our right to first be quarantined inside our residence is high on our list. We are still abiding by public health safety and removing ourselves from the public, so the need to "round up" the people like cattle and gathering them in one place isn't good for the individual. They would not receive the same individual care as they would in their homes with their family. As long as quarantine rules are followed by the family, the impact to public safety should be minimum.

I urge the committee to not forget the individual while in pursuit of public health. Especially when it comes to an injection. It may be easy to look at statistics and brush off the people that were injured during vaccinations (references VAERS report) but it is different when that one person is a family member or a close friend. To brush off their plight by thinking their sacrifice is for the protection of others shows a lack of connection to the general public and proof that your personal agenda supersedes others.

Please, I urge the committee members to pass HB2459 and pass this bill. This would be a confirmation that our individual rights are still being protected by the government and I do not need to fear for the safety of my children.

Thank you for your consideration,

Heather Ramirez

heather.kehaulani@gmail.com

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:31:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Janet Edghill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:34:08 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alohi Aea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Families and individuals must have the right to body sovereignty--it is not up to the state to mandate what we put into our bodies or the bodies of our children, particularly when what is being mandated are things for which DEATH is often listed as a possible side effect.

Individuals should be allowed to give informed consent or to refuse treatment for all medical interventions, including vaccinations. Please support this bill!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:36:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Day	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support HB2459. Vaccination is a medical intervention performed on a healthy person that has the inherent ability to result in the injury or death of that healthy person. This is listed inside the manufacturer insert of every vaccine on the U.S. market. It is for this reason that it is a person's right to conscientiously object to one or all vaccines. When there is risk there must be choice.

Thank You,

Eric Day

Kihei, HI

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:42:06 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jyoti Mau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2459.

I strongly believe that our government in Hawaii needs to protect our residents' unalienable rights to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

In honoring this bill our government is respecting these rights.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jyoti Mau

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:44:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joy Gangloff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support HB 2459. My son is one years old and I am terrified of the thought of him being vaccinated when they are not proven to be safe. It should be my choice, my family's choice.

As an adult I do not want any vaccinations. I would not mind the home quarantine to not have to be vaccinated.

Thank you.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:44:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian J Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. I believe individuals should have the choice, and should never be mandated by any governing body as to what is put into their bodies.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:46:09 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa Naboia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Melissa Naboia. I have 2 girls ages 3 and 1, and now a boy on the way due August. Both my girls have severe eczema and research shows that children with eczema should NOT be vaccinated. Me as their parent should have that choice wether to vaccinate or not. Also with my religion, I oppose vaccines as most use cells as fetuses. It is my right protected by the First amendment!

Thank you

-Melissa Naboia

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:53:11 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mehana Kihoi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I do not give my consent to subject my babies to harmful and possibly deadly vaccinations. They are not government property. They are living, breathing, and healthy beings, and I as their mother am capable of making medically responsible decisions on their behalf. I should not be forced or intimidated by government officials or pharmaceutical companies to do so against their will.  
I support HB2459.

Mehana Kihoi

HÅ• naunau, Hawaii Island.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:01:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brittany Pakele	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:13:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elena Sheatz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear legislators,

I have been tutoring children for 11 years and have witnessed an alarming increase of children with autism, ADHD, ADD, and dyslexia. I had questioned every family about receiving vaccinations or not and Each family had given their children the required vaccinations and each family noticed a change in their baby after the shots. While they are unable to prove that the vaccinations were the direct link to their children's special needs handicap, it is apparent that there is harm being done to many innocent children.

I'm in full support of this HB2459 bill and appreciate that parents could have this option.

Thank you,

Elena Sheatz

Social Needs Tutor

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:13:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tula Cavasso	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Hello. My name is Tula Cavasso and I'm writing in favour of this House Bill 2459 relating to medical autonomy.

There are many unanswered questions relating to the benefits verses the dangers of individual vaccines or the combining of multiple vaccines at the same time or in close time frames.

There are also evidences of questionable test results from limited studies which leave health risk questions unanswered.

Futher, prior incidents of disease, or allergies, or chemical exposures may further dictate a more careful timing of and apporpate or inapporate age application or nonapplications of vaccines.

Therefore, I ask for the passage of this bill to allow us the freedom of choice in medications and health based on our own personal research and individual care for our children and families.

Aloha and Thank you,

Tula Cavasso

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:26:02 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Babatunji Heath	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:35:05 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Casey Kapuniai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support HB2459 and feel everyone should be able to make the decision on their own if they would like to receive/not receive the vaccination. It shouldn't be forced for anyone to get vaccinated against their own will!!!



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:38:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kalma Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:46:08 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maha Conyers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support freedom of choice when it comes to taking care of your

health in a responsible way. Many vaccines are not safe and have had severe health impacts. Some have shown that they actually damage the immunessystem of a growing child. I am absolutely against mandatory vaccination.

Thank you for upholding the rights of each individual according to the Constitution.

Sincerely,

Rev. M. Conyers

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:48:34 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fern Anuenue Holland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

Please support choice and support HB2459.

Mahalo,

Fern Holland

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:04:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tara Qalo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:11:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
shepherd Qalo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support the right of choice -HB2459.

Mahalo!

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:25:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kera Wong-Miyasato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:30:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support this bill due to my belief that science, and especially corporate medicine, holds it's own interests above individual's rights. Deadly illness and disease is normal and cannot be exterminated by human intervention. History has proven that extermination doesn't work...nature is smarter than humans, to our detriment.

Thank You,

Cynthia Cerciello

## Testimony in support of HB 2459

Aloha

I am deeply concerned about the effects of HR- Ch. 11-157 and the subsequent restrictions in medical exemptions for children who are genetically susceptible to mitochondrial injury like my son Beau King

When our son was 3 we were fortunate to have had the resources to take our son to Johns Hopkins's Kennedy Krieger Institute. **Kennedy Krieger** is the world's premier institution for pediatric developmental disabilities and disorders of the brain and metabolic research. We saw Dr. Richard Kelley Metabolic Geneticist, and our son went through several days of testing. He was diagnosed with a mitochondrial disorder. In our son's medical report, Dr. Kelley writes that Beau's decline dates back to his MMR vaccine and Dr. felt that it was possible that the stress of the MMR placed on Beau's system could have affected mitochondrial function and produced brain injury.

I know Beau is not the only child on the island who exhibits signs of underlying mitochondrial disorder and have an autism diagnosis. In fact, another neighborhood girl just down the street from our house had also been identified as being autistic with an underlying mitochondrial disorder. According to the new mandate, the medical exemptions will now be based on a medical exemption form which the pediatrician fills out but it is then given to the Department of Health who doesn't know the variables or history of the individual who may need a medical exemption.

After that visit, our family applied to the VICP vaccine injury compensation program, funded by \$.75 of each vaccine, since vaccine makers are exempt of liability. You can only go through this court if your child has been injured or passed away from a vaccine.

At the time, because so many families were applying for compensation when their children regressed into autism following vaccines, the government entity grouped together the cases of over 5500 families as the Autism Omnibus.

There were 6 test cases, one of which was the Hannah Poling case. She also had an underlying mitochondrial disorder and regressed into autism after the vaccines. Hannah's father was also a physician at John's Hopkins. His colleague, Dr. Andrew Zimmerman was the government's expert witness and had prepared written testimony averring that vaccines do not cause autism. After examining Hannah, he discovered that in cases of underlying mitochondrial disorders, vaccines can in fact, cause autism and decided to change his oral testimony to so state. Upon informing the government of his change of opinion, the government immediately fired Dr. Zimmerman as their expert witness, and conceded on Hannah Poling's case, paying out \$20 million to her family. The other 5 cases were tried and based on those, the government dismissed the rest of the over 5000 families cases waiting to be heard, denying us due process.

Today, Dr. Andrew Zimmerman is a whistle blower but has not been heard. Here is a copy of his sworn affidavit as well as his CV in the website below.

<https://sharylattkisson.com/2019/01/dr-andrew-zimmermans-full-affidavit-on-alleged-link-between-vaccines-and-autism-that-u-s-govt-covered-up/>

Here is a study about mitochondrial disorder and autism

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2536523/>

Here is an article about mitochondrial disruptions in children with autism

<https://www.spectrumnews.org/news/mitochondrial-function-disrupted-in-children-with-autism/>



Attached are copies of the new medical exemption form.

Please allow families who have suspected underlying medical conditions to decide with their doctor which medical interventions including vaccines are best suited for the individual.

With Aloha

Julianne King

808-265-5519

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:53:49 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carmen Golay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:14:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
renee kawelo	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am so excited to see this bill introduced especially when most of the bills coming out are pro FORCED and anti informed consent bills concerning medical decisions.

I will stand here and fight for the rights of the families to make that decision over their children and them selves. We should not have to be forced into anything that can lead to injury up to death in order to appease the scared and completely fearful ignorant population.

Most people including Dr.'s unfortunately only talk about the disease but there is not enough conversation about vaccine injuries. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting system and a Harvard Pilgrim study commissioned by HHS estimated that only 1%-10% of all vaccine injuries are ever reported. Approx 30,000 people report a vaccine injury or reaction every year.

Why would that be? Because they are not looking for injury and things like seizures are considered normal reactions now.

There is something called an insert. This insert is packaged with the vaccine and rarely read ahead of time because there is no readily available inserts for patients to read over prior to them getting vaccinated instead a short version which does NOT list all reactions or injuries that can and have been reported.

The injurys are generally brushed off and contributed to other reasons because Dr.'s, nurses and parents believe vaccines do not cause injurys. Most parents trust blindly their medical professionals without realizing they should be more informed about their health related decisions seeing as Medical **malpractice** is now the third **leading** cause of death in the US. Dr.'s and nurses intentionally deny claims that it was the vaccine

causing damage when the family suspects it and refuses in most cases to look further into their claims despite the vaccine inserts stating the matching condition as a reaction or injury risk.

I will say this over and over again. I am not unreasonable. Who seriously would be against preventative health care? Who would want to have to fight this battle?

People that use to vaccinate their kids until an injury happened and people like myself that have had a vaccine injury. There is distrust between patients and Dr.'s for good and reasonable reasons. We should not have to be limited to a religious or medical reason to not vaccinate. With the new mandates at the school level which includes the HPV that IS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED Not even airborne or easily caught and the Flu shot which is extremely faulted there will be more push back from those of us that are fighting for medical freedom and informed consent.

We live in a world of science and some common sense but yet people still DENY vaccine damages and injuries just shows you that people are trying their best to cover up the truth that vaccines are DANGEROUS and inherently unsafe. I will quote Dr. Green again. "Vaccines can be made safer" That says it all that vaccines are not safe. Because of that parents have to have the right to say no.

I would love to invite you via facebook into hawaii for informed consent and VACCINE INJURY STORIES. I ask for you to give it a chance! Open your mind and use common sense! Stop being so closed minded and stand offish in regards to the possibility that vaccines are inherently unsafe.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:20:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michaela Boudreau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Michaela Boudreau, 4330 Palama St, Kalaheo, HI 96741

I strongly support HB 2459

The beauty of our constitution is that it is set up that the majority will always protect the rights of the minority. So, when we have a percentage of people who have reactions to vaccines, and they sometimes know who they are as sensitivity runs in their family, they should not be forced to comply with the herd.

It is dangerous for them to do so.

Medicine is not one size fits all. As a person who regularly falls into the 2% whose reaction to pharmaceuticals is toxic, I strongly support HB 2459

Thank you.

Michelle

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:08:01 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kealani Schmitt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My family and I strongly support HB2459. We feel it is a violation of our civil liberties to be forced to vaccinate. We will have to take our children out of the school system and homeschool if this bill is not passed. Please support out freedoms that so many have died for!

Kealani Schmitt

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:28:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sara Swenson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:56:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Salisbury	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of HB 2459 for medical autonomy because not all immune systems can tolerate the chemicals companies use to preserve and make their immunizations and inoculations such as : fetal parts, formaldehyde, aluminum and other poisonous substances. I became a different child after my 2 year old immunization and have had narcolepsy since that time. I am now in my 40s and my brain is still damaged from the result of that and I will never have normal sleep. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your fellow representatives to support freedom of choice in this regard.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 1:11:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support BILL HB2459.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:02:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Carman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

1. In Support of HB2459  
we have rights and should be able to make decisions for our health with informed consent. There is enough valid research out there.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 1:16:01 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elena Cabatu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hilo Medical Center strongly opposes this bill. Vaccinations are a part of best practices in public health.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 1:33:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harvest Edmonds	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

I support the HB2459 with all of my heart. It is imperative that parents are allowed to make medical decisions about their children. Please pass this bill !!

Mahalo,

Harvest

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 1:48:19 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tanya Aynessazian	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Our state expanded vaccine mandates for children entering childcare or school beginning July 1, 2020. This action was a mandated expansion of 14 doses of 6 vaccines.

As if this is not alarming enough, America's biopharmaceutical industry is already development more than 260 vaccines and the vaccine market was an astounding \$36.45B in 2018 and is expected to exceed \$50B by 2023. This industry benefits from forced vaccinations - forced use of fast tracked medicines that do not require the same scrutiny and FDA approval process as all other drugs on the market. I will repeat that - vaccines are exempt from the FDA pre-approval research process all other medicines must undergo simply because they are vaccines. And now we want to mandate them to all our our keiki?

Vaccine exemptions need to be expanded and preserved to ensure that parents have a choice in the many vaccines mandated now and coming in the future. Choice is a core component of freedom. Parents and guardians should have the final say in what vaccines their children receive because vaccines cause injuries and deaths for some and manufactures and doctors have no liability. The United States Government has paid out more than \$4 billion to vaccine victims through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

Vaccines sometimes fail to provide individuals with even short-term protection from infection. Measles and mumps are just two examples of this. Fully vaccinated children and adults can and do transmit infections to others. Parents need legislative protection to do their own benefit and risk analysis for their own children based on their children's unique medical history and conditions.

I also support this bill because it allows for home quarantine over forced vaccinations. It is un-American to involuntarily quarantine law abiding citizens against their will in a place other than their own home. Hawaii residents deserve the freedom to protect themselves from the harmful side effects of vaccines while still obeying public health orders for quarantine in the safe environment of their own residence. Group quarantine facilities can put healthy people quarantined at risk of exposure to contagious disease from someone else who is in the incubation period of a disease but has not yet developed symptoms.

Thank you.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 2:19:37 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sarah Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

People should have a choice... when it comes to a product that is manufactured by companies that have no liability at all .... there have been zero studies about how aluminum affects the brain..... the immunization schedule as it is has NEVER been studied..... not one vaccine has been studied for CARCINOGENIC effect... yet childhood cancer is the 3rd leading cause of death(only after car crashes and firearms) at 4 years old 32 injections of 44 doses.... PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A CHOICE

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 2:37:41 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Gelert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Many of today's vaccines are harmful to our health, especially to neurological health. I support people's right to consent whether they want the vaccines or not.



**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 2:41:08 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richell Sweet	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I want the freedom to say YES or NO to any vaccine(s) that my children receive

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:17:25 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ayla mossman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Every human being should be able to chose what goes in our bodies. Its not the government nor the pharmaceutical companies decision. I support HB2459. Mahalo

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:30:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Laine Hamamura and I am located in Kalihi. I support HB2459 and I urge you to vote yes. As a mother of four sons (ages 10, 7, 5, and 1), I have enjoyed my freedom to choose what vaccines are put into my children and have worked with their pediatrician to administer these shots on a schedule I am comfortable with. My three older children are up to date on their vaccines and I was able to have their shots spaced out so that it would not be such an aggressive schedule for their developing bodies. I can't imagine being forced by law to place something directly into my children's blood stream. That is not the freedom our government has fought so hard to protect.

For my youngest son, I have chosen to administer homeopathic vaccines in the form of pillues. This has been discussed with his pediatrician and she and I have agreed to test him for the titiers to support whether or not this mode of administration is in fact effective. I am closely monitoring his health and thus far he is wonderfully healthy, intelligent, and strong.

I urge you to support this bill which would allow for Medical Autonomy. Thank you for reading my testimony and God be with you as you make these decisions for our state. Mahalo,

Laine Hamamura

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:20:59 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sharayah Burnham	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**My family & I strongly support HB 2459 and urge your support as well.**

**HB 2459 repairs limited and dysfunctional vaccine exemptions for children.**

**HB 2459 adds a conscientious vaccine exemption for children.**

A conscientious exemption is needed for many reasons, but the most pressing reason is because the state [Department of Health amended HAR 11-157](#) to drastically expand vaccine mandates for children entering childcare or school beginning July 1, 2020. This action added additional mandates for Hepatitis A Vaccine (2 doses), Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) (4 doses), Rotavirus Vaccine (3 doses), Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) (2 doses), Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV) (2 doses) and Tdap Vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) (1 dose). This is a mandated expansion of 14 doses of 6 vaccines!

Hawaii should not mandate one-size-fits-all federal recommendations. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes [recommendations](#) only. It is only a federal advisory committee, not a lawmaking body.

Vaccine exemptions need to be expanded and preserved to ensure that parents have a choice in the many vaccines mandated now and coming in the future. America's biopharmaceutical research companies are [developing more than 260 vaccines](#). The [U.S. Vaccine Market](#) alone was \$36.45 billion in 2018, and is expected to reach \$50.42 billion by 2023. This is a very powerful industry with lots of resources to

lobby and influence policy to add more mandates. The industry benefits financially from forced use.

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There are many reasons an individual employee may choose to decline a vaccine in addition to sincerely held religious beliefs. There are serious [safety concerns](#) and concerns about the [effectiveness](#) of the vaccine.

**HB 2459 protects public and individual health in an epidemic by allowing for home quarantine as an alternative to forced vaccination.**

It is un-American to involuntarily quarantine law abiding citizens against their will in a place other than their own home. Hawaii residents deserve the freedom to protect themselves from the harmful side effects of vaccines while still obeying public health orders for quarantine in the safe environment of their own residence. Group quarantine facilities can put healthy people quarantined at risk of exposure to contagious disease from someone else who is in the incubation period of a disease but has not yet developed symptoms.

The right of self-quarantine in one's residence, in lieu of compliance with an otherwise mandatory vaccine is especially important in consideration of the facts that:

- there is no guarantee that that the deliberate introduction of killed or live microorganisms or drugs through vaccines into the body of a healthy person will not compromise the health or cause the death of that person either immediately or in the future;
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- government employees, doctors and pharmaceutical companies are not legally liable in civil courts for any harm that is done with vaccines mandated during a public health emergency.

**For these reasons, we urge this committee's support of HB 2459.**



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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:43:23 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Edmonds	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, and thanks for your considerations in reviewing testimony for this bill.

Informed vaccine consent is very near + dear to me, since I myself was vaccine injured as a child, although we didn't know it at the time. Now we know that children who develop the autoimmune disorder ITP within 6 weeks of receiving the MMR shot are seen as having a vaccine induced autoimmune condition. This means the science is widely known and agreed upon (not fake news) that the body had an adverse reaction to the vaccine and it caused this specific autoimmune condition. Mine was ITP.

Here is the pubmed study for further explanation on how this specific type of vaccine injury, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1884189/>

ITP stands for Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, which in is an immune disorder in which the blood doesn't clot normally. That means rampant bruising and uncontrolled bleeding, and my 7 year old self suddenly wasn't allowed to play at recess, play after school without adult supervision, or adventure like I used to. A big hit to the gut could result in unstoppable internal bleeding and death.

And a reminder for anyone who's unfamiliar with autoimmune conditions - they don't just disappear. They take management for the rest of your life. In my case I was able to recover in many ways, and although I won't be able to go back to the life I once led I can still live a normal life - managed but normal.

Am I thankful the MMR vaccine was invented and has saved millions of lives? Yes! Truthfully, even with my sad and frustrating reaction, I am. But knowing how my own body reacted - creating a disease that I will manage until the day I die - do you think it's wise to give my son that same vaccine? No. I don't. I'm giving him other vaccines, I'm doing so slowly and steadily to avoid any complications, but I don't think it's wise to give him the MMR.

Do you?

Vaccines are medications, and just like you may not be able to handle a specific type of painkiller, birth control, or antibiotic, some people may not be able to tolerate certain vaccines. This seems pretty common sense, and I hope my own story of a “bad reaction” does bring home how not all vaccines are tolerated amongst all people.

Please see this as my very very very very very strong support of HB 2459. If you have any questions or want to talk personally about my case I’m more than open to discussing!

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:39:06 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lindsey Blaha	Aloha Life Church	Support	No

Comments:

I support home quarantines as an alternative to vaccination when there's an outbreak.

I believe that we have the freedom to choose what is put into our bodies. I believe that it is a violation of privacy and our right to have ownership of our bodies if we are forced to immunize.

I support medical and religious exemption.

I have heard story after story of Hawaiian children developing autism from vaccines. They were a fine, healthy child and then they go get a vaccination and that night they develop a high fever, seizures, and eventually autism. This evidence CANNOT be ignored.

Edward Thompson, III

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From: C Ward <cward4870630@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:53 PM  
To: Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi  
Subject: Support HB 2459

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Forced Vaccinations are equivalent to forced medical treatment. If there is even a moderate risk of side effects, we as free citizens should have the ability choose if the risk is worth the benefit. Example, Gardasil side effects include auto immune disorders, cancers, even death. If my granddaughter were to get HPV or cancer, we can cure those conditions. We cannot cure auto immune diseases or DEATH. Support our sacred right to be free of forced medical treatments and the right to choose what we allow to be done to our body.

Please support HB 2459.

Aloha

Catherine Oshio-Ward

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**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carolyn Moss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

# National Vaccine Information Center

www.NVIC.org

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## Statement of Support for HB 2459

**Adding Conscientious and Religious Vaccine Exemptions for All in Hawaii**  
Presented to the House Committee on Health for Public Hearing on 2/6/2020 at 8:45 am

By Dawn Richardson, Director of Advocacy  
The National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC.org)

The National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) is a nonprofit charity founded in 1982 to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths through public education. NVIC advocates for protection of the human right to informed consent to medical risk taking and inclusion of flexible medical, religious and conscientious belief vaccine exemptions in U.S. public health policies and laws. **We strongly support HB 2459 and urge your support as well.**

### HB 2459 repairs limited and dysfunctional vaccine exemptions for children.

### **HB 2459 adds a conscientious vaccine exemption for children.**

A conscientious exemption is needed for many reasons, but the most pressing reason is because the state Department of Health amended HAR 11-157 to drastically expand vaccine mandates for children entering childcare or school beginning July 1, 2020. This action added additional mandates for Hepatitis A Vaccine (2 doses), Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) (4 doses), Rotavirus Vaccine (3 doses), Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) (2 doses), Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV) (2 doses) and Tdap Vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) (1 dose). This is a mandated expansion of 14 doses of 6 vaccines!

Hawaii should not mandate one-size-fits-all federal recommendations. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes recommendations only. It is only a federal advisory committee, not a lawmaking body.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. John Mizuno, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Date: February 6, 2020

Time: 8:45 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 329

From: Hawaii Medical Association

Michael Champion, MD, President

Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

### **Re: HB 2459 Relating to MEDICAL AUTONOMY**

### **Position: OPPOSE**

The Hawaii Medical Association believes that nonmedical (religious, philosophic, or personal belief) exemptions from immunizations endanger the health of the unvaccinated individual and the health of those in his or her group and the community at large.

Therefore, the HMA:

- (1) supports the immunization recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for all individuals without medical contraindications;
- (2) supports eliminating nonmedical exemptions from immunization;
- (3) encourages removal of nonmedical exemptions in rules and statutes mandatory immunizations, including for childcare and school attendance;
- (4) encourages physicians to grant vaccine exemption requests only when medical contraindications are present;
- (5) encourages the HMA work with public health officials to develop contingency plans for controlling outbreaks in medically exempt populations and to intensify efforts to achieve high immunization rates in communities where nonmedical exemptions are common; and
- (6) recommends that: (a) an established mechanism, which includes the involvement of qualified public health physicians, of determining which vaccines will be mandatory for admission to school and other identified public venues (based upon the recommendations of the ACIP); and (b) policies that permit immunization exemptions for medical reasons only.

Thank you for allowing the Hawaii Medical Association to testify on this issue.

#### **HMA OFFICERS**

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 4:10:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
K	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators and Members of the House Health Committee,

I ask that you support HB2459 and move this bill to its second committee hearing with the House Judiciary Committee.

I support HB2459 and believe the House Health Committee should support this bill because it protects Hawai'i's citizens, its kupuna, families and children from the risk of harm caused by vaccines protocoled with an outdated model of the immune system.

For too long, pharmaceutical companies have escaped liability free to run roughshod over the standard of medical scientific accountability, neglectful of processing an appropriate risk assessment. Being free of legal liability at the cost of human lives pharmaceutical companies have no reason to hold a standard of medical accountability for the safety of human lives.

But you as legislators can protect and save human lives by supporting this bill. You as legislators by giving conscientious objectors a choice can hold the line of accountability that pharmaceutical companies refuse to acknowledge and continue to cross.

I ask you to review the interview of Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai at the link below explaining the need for risk assessment protocol.

[Dr Ayyadura Discusses Possible Harm Caused by CDC's Vaccination Schedule](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=dr+shiva+ayyadurai&view=detail&mid=9175D18B5DF61E2E78C79175D18B5DF61E2E78C7&FORM=VIRE&adlt=strict)

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I support my family and friends who are also conscientious objectors to vaccines, whose children have survived without vaccines.

I believe this bill takes appropriate precautions by cooperating with the State Health Director for such times when quarantine is deemed necessary. And in doing so, quarantine within the family residence of conscientious objectors of vaccines, protects our community as well.

As you continue your fiduciary responsibility to establish policy for the welfare of Hawaii's citizens protecting our fellow citizens and families, I ask that you support HB2459.

Sincerely yours,

***Alicia Keolahou Smith***

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**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Oksana Garafol	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2459.

We **MUST** protect our parental rights to opt out of the medical products that carry risk of chronic illness, injury or death for those families that consider those risks higher than the risk of contracting and experiencing a viral infections those products allegedly protecting against.

As the manufacturers of these products have **ZERO** liability and so is **ZERO** insenrive for making their products **SAFER**, we absolutely **MUST** protect patents and children by allowing them to opt-out of possible **LIABILITY** and allow them to say **NO** to those products when they choose to do so **WITHOUT** segregating them and taking their basic **RIGHT** to public education away.



**LATE**

**TO:** The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair  
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Health

**FROM:** Philip J. Bossert, Executive Director  
Hawaii Association of Independent Schools

**RE:** HB 2459 - RELATING TO MEDICAL AUTONOMY  
In Support

**DATE:** Thursday, February 6, 2020  
8:45 AM, Conference Room 309

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) supports HB 2459.

HAIS is a membership organization that currently represents 102 of Hawaii’s independent K-12 schools; and, through its subsidiary, the Hawaii Council of Private Schools (HCPS), licenses all 119 private K-12 schools in the State. Just under 35,000 children attend these 119 private schools.

Approximately half of these schools enroll 300 or fewer students, and 60% of these schools are religiously affiliated.

HAIS supports this legislation for three reasons. First, the Department of Health’s current regulations allow parents who object to certain types of immunization on religious grounds to exempt their children from a particular vaccination. We believe that this interpretation of the religious exemption was the legislative intent of the original legislation (HAR 11-157). However, the Department’s new regulations which take effect July 1, 2020, remove this original religious exemption and replace it with one that is an “all or nothing” religious exemption; they must state that they are against all forms of vaccination in order to exempt their children. Thus, parents who object to perhaps just one type of vaccination on religious grounds have no choice but to withdraw their children from public or private schools and choose a home-schooling option. This may result in students receiving a less than satisfactory education, and

it may also result in a parent or caregiver withdrawing from the workforce to supervise the education of their children perhaps causing a financial hardship on many families.

The second reason that we support this legislation is that many of HAIS's religiously-affiliated schools themselves oppose certain types of immunizations on religious grounds, and yet will be required by the Department of Health to monitor and enforce immunization requirements that are contrary to the schools' religious and/or philosophical beliefs. And the proposed new regulations threaten significant fines of up to \$1,000/day on schools that do not comply with the new regulations.

The third reason that HAIS supports this legislation is that many of our small private schools will lose enrollment and may even have to close as a result of parents withdrawing their children in order to avoid certain vaccinations. Our small, religiously-affiliated schools report that as many as several thousand or more students may pursue this course of action. In many cases, the children who are withdrawn from a private or public school will be registered as home-schooled but then dropped off daily at home-school support centers that are not covered by the immunization regulations. And these same now home-schooled children can join their friends back at school at the end of the day in after-school programs that are also not covered by these regulations.

Offering parents the option of an exemption based upon conscientious beliefs and/or restoring the original interpretation of the religious exemption will avoid these issues stated above, and I urge you to support this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and we look forward to working with you as this important measure moves through the legislative process.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:56:09 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jill White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My family has a history of vaccine reactions and my son has been severely impacted by the vaccinations he has received:

He is 13 and has non-verbal autism. He is self injurious. He will NEVER be able to be anywhere without one on one assistance. He has received over a quarter of a million dollars in therapy out of our pocket & untold amounts from the State since he began early intervention at 15 months old. He attends DOE, a private Autism Center after school, as well as private speech therapy. His need for lifelong care & support is an emotional and financial burden that has taken me out of the work force, broken a 28 year relationship, and keeps me plagued with worry about his future.

Citizens need the right to choose what is best for themselves. Life is not a one size fits all yet that is EXACTLY how vaccines work! Please protect our freedoms and support HB2459.

One in 59 children in the US now have an Autism diagnosis, this number has shot up at an alarming rate just as the vaccine schedule also increased. The science of bringing vaccine to market is not the same as other prescription medication. We need to fix this! We can NOT subject an entire generation to this against their will.

Please help us protect our human rights! The future of our society will not be able to carry the burden of the disabled we are creating. I beg you to stand up and support HB2459.

Mahalo,

Jill White

Mililani, HI 96789



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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 4:26:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
George W Chyz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is very important for people to have control over what is put into their body. This is a fundamental right for every American. Please pass this bill to protect Hawaii residents' right to autonomy and self-determination over their own body.

Thank You

George W Chyz

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 4:35:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaitlin Driesse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe this bill is dangerous to public health and routed in fear and superstition rather than medical and/or public health knowledge and best interest.

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 4:49:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kirra Simonson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** HB2459. Individuals who do not get vaccinated or do not allow their children to get vaccinated are all public health risks. It is because of vaccinations that diseases like Tuberculosis, Smallpox, and Polio have been eradicated, thus saving the lives of millions. To allow individuals to reject vaccinations is akin to allowing these dangerous diseases to come back in force. In fact, measles outbreaks reached emergency levels in the United States as well as 7 other countries in 2019 due to anti-vaccination decision-making. Today, measles is still a highly contagious disease, but it is also highly preventable as a vaccination for it already exists - it was created in 1963. There is absolutely no reason or excuse for this disease having a resurgence in the 21st century.

Additionally, we are currently facing a global health crisis due to the coronavirus that has spread from China around the world. A vaccination will be created eventually, and if this bill were to pass, people would be allowed to reject this vaccination, thus endangering the lives of people worldwide. To allow something like this to happen would be simply unconscionable.

I strongly urge you to oppose this bill and help protect the safety and health of the public.

Please see this article for reference if you are so inclined: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6657116/>

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 4:51:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting my testimony that I strongly support HB2459, and I pray that you would consider passing it in the House as well as the Senate. Please don't take away our 1st Amendment rights.

God Bless you for taking my testimony under consideration. I humbly submit to your conscience on doing the right thing.

Mahalo,

Terri Yoshinaga

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:13:12 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
noa haine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

With DEATH listed as a side effect, why do we need an "exemption" of any kind to begin with?  
Vaccines should be treated no differently than any other pharmaceutical product. A fully informed consent is all that is needed in free & ethical societies. America "land of the free"? Or captured by pharma....  
Mahalo Nui

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:24:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
randy wolfshagen	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

My Hawaii family supports HB 2459.

We believe it is our inherent right to make our own informed medical decisions.

But it is not just our personal opinion, this right has been codified since the Nuremberg tribunal after World War II.

20 other states have agreed, and we ask you to make Hawaii another state that respects its citizens' rights.

Please say you agree with the fact that not all vaccines are safe for every person and pass HB 2459.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Mirka and Pueo Wolfshagen, Kekaha

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 4:38:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lorene Ng	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB2459. As a pediatrician in Honolulu caring for Hawaii's keiki, I strongly OPPOSE this bill.

It is important to maintain high immunization rates to provide individual and community protection against dangerous vaccine-preventable diseases. Evidence from the CDC shows the correlation between state vaccination rates and immunization laws. States with the strongest immunization laws tend to have the highest rates of immunization. Several recent outbreaks of measles, pertussis, and chickenpox have been traced to pockets of unvaccinated children in states that allow personal belief exemptions. Allowing this bill to pass will place the children and the people of Hawaii at higher risk for infection and illness, especially in the event of an outbreak as seen recently in Samoa.

Please continue to protect the health and safety of Hawaii's keiki. Please OPPOSE bill HB2459.

Sincerely,

Lorene Ng, MD

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:43:46 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amber gamboa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To all concerned,

I humbly ask those whom represent the State of Hawaii support HB 2459, in acknowledgment of Human Rights.

Not to everyone's knowledge unless they research the ingredients of some of the immunizations are aware of the scientific evidence that of many harmful side effects. Brain Damage, organ failure, seizures, and even Death are all possible side effects from the Toxic overdose of the heavy metals, cancer causing preservatives, animal DNA and other harmful ingredients.

For those whom chose to take an alternative health approach, there are homeopathic alternatives that have been proven to be effective as well as many options for immunity wellness. For example, if someone should decide to opt out of a flu shot they would instead take vitamin C, cold care herbal teas and home cooked meals to keep them healthy and prevent illness. These are common Immunity boosters been proven effective.

My first cousin who is 20 had vaccine injury when he was 2 and he is unable to live a normal life as he suffers from severe brain damage, and his continued schedule of medicine has kept him very ill. Some of these immunizations are not in alignment with my beliefs for what truly establishes Good Heath. I have faith that your council will understand the concerns and agree that potential life threatening injections of what some would consider poison, should not be mandate.

Our World is evolving and it is so important to protect the values that matter to us the most, to be in support of a conscious decision for our Health.... speaks for itself.

Mahalo for supporting HB 2459,

Amber Gamboa



**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:53:48 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support this bill. Manditory vaccinations for things like hpv have gone too far. Thatt is a dangerous vaccine and not effective for most cervical cancers. Flu vaccine is another one that should never be manditor. The extensive list of new immunizations is a boon to the Pharmaceutical Corporations and Senator Roz Baker should be ashamed of herself for pushing this terrible mandate.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:11:08 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill and thus legally protecting the entegrity of bodily autonomy for each individual.

Daniela Martinez.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:43:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shelley Kasprick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Where there is risk there must be choice. Complicated and significant decisions about the health of children should be made by parents, who are the most vested in their well being, not by government officials, parties who stand to profit, or are in conflict of interest on these decisions, or by medical professionals unfamiliar with their complicated and unique histories.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:45:18 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Nix	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2459,  
Support personal and medical freedom and religious freedom.  
Mahalo,  
Dr. John and Debra Nix, Kihei

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:58:57 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Riana Calise	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:02:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Micaire Hawkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Maintaining medical freedom is extremely important to me and my family. I have devoted my life to raising healthy children and everyday make important decisions to support their optimal health from eating organic, limiting screentime, encouraging active play, surrounding them with positive influences. We are a drug free family and I want to choose what goes into their bodies particularly when it comes to pharmaceuticals. They have never had an OTC or RX drug and I don't want an unnecessary mandate to change that. Please keep protecting our choices in regards to bodily autonomy. It's too important to hand over. Thank you

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:08:19 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kathryn vasconcellos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The squeaky wheel gets the oil they say. In recent years the anti-vax movement has been loud and definitely squeaky. Yet they are just a small segment of the population. They spread false misinformation and propoganda to support their non-scientific agenda.

As a mother of 3, a wife to a physician, and an employee of a medical device company, I understand the strong scepticism and even hatred for pharmaceutical companies. After all, they did bring us the opioid crisis. With that being said, pharmaceutical and medical device companies also do a lot of good. They save lives everyday, and they help people live better, feel better and move better. They also help support families like myself that work in the industry. We live in a capitalist society. Companies want to make profits, but that does not mean that all companies based in medicine are evil or corrupt.

I've heard the anti-vax movement talk about how measles isn't even that bad. I had chicken pox they say. I had chicken pox too, and what I didn't think about or consider at the time was the economic impact. My mom had to miss out of work. For some families, a missed day of work, is a missed meal. Sure, chicken pox wasn't that bad, but it's not the whole picture. It means lost wages among other reperussions that can happen when you live pay check to pay check. Saying that measles wasn't that bad is heart breaking. Just take a look at what happened recently in Samoa, hundreds of people, children included died. How is that a good thing?

Relying on anecdotal stories that tugs on the heart strings of readers is not science. They're not level 5 expert evidence or even valid for a case study write up. Correlation is not causation. I'll repeat, correlation is not causation. Vaccines and their efficacies have been studied and tested rigorously for decades. They've saved millions of lives. This is a boring story, and we don't hear it enough. VACCINES SAVE LIVES.

Adding a conscientious exemption leaves the most vulnerable, at risk. Protect our health. Protect our community, and protect our livelihoods.

Do not support a conscientious exemption.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:24:11 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kim kaili	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support bill HB 2459! Thank you

~Kim Kaili



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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:26:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephanie Englund	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill! Where there is a risk there must be a choice. Living in the United States of America guarantees medical freedom.

Mahalo!

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:52:01 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lannette Sandvold	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support HB2459

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:54:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2459

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:08:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cassie Almarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello. My name is Cassie Ito-Almarez and I am in support of HB2459 relating to medical autonomy.

I believe every parent/guardian/individual must retain the right to make informed decisions for themselves and there children regarding there medical care.

As a parent I have chosen to have my child receive some vaccinations. There are several other vaccinations that upon researching I have come to the conclusion are unsafe for my child and go against our personal beliefs.

Please continue to support every individuals freedom of choice and religious freedom.

Respectfully,

Cassie Ito-Almarez

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:22:34 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Beth Hood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459. I am a small business owner, resident of Hawaii for 17 years, and a mother of a four year old healthy daughter. I strongly feel it is a fundamental human right to choose what we put into our bodies and that as a parent of a minor that it is my right to make an informed and voluntary decision about the risks versus benefits of medical treatments given to my daughter. My husband and I have consulted with many medical professionals and done exhaustive research on the topic of vaccines and concluded that the safety of vaccinations is not proven, and believe that the schedule and dosage given to small children can be detrimental (and sometimes tragically irreversible). As our daughter is preparing to attend kindergarten next year we would like to be able to claim exemption based on our family's conscientious beliefs.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:25:24 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ruby staggers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill HB2459 as I believe in the freedom of choice.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:26:10 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sheila Gage	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:32:36 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Fujita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Has a child who had a vaccine reaction. We have the right to choose what is in our child's best interest.



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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:34:48 PM  
Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robyn Fujita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Has a child who had a vaccine reaction. We have the right to choose what is in our child's best interest.

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:42:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
BERNARD MENDONCA	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I'm testifying on behalf of my self and family  
we should have this choice no one should take  
this away from us

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:47:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James J Hood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I offer my strong support for HB2459. As a concerned parent, I have put countless hours into researching the vaccine issue. My research has lead me to choose to not vaccinate my child, for many reasons. Vaccines contain a number of questionable and highly toxic ingredients that have been shown to damage many parts of the body. Vaccines are not subject to the double-blind placebo-controlled gold standard of testing that other pharmaceutical products are. The current CDC vaccination schedule has not been safety tested to prove that the number and combination of vaccines are even remotely safe for any human body, let alone a small child. Even the US supreme court ruled vaccines “unavoidably unsafe” in 2011 . 1 Bruesewitz v. Wyeth. In 1986 Congress passed the “National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act” which removed financial liability from vaccine manufacturers, essentially making it so the vaccine manufacturers cannot be sued in the event of a vaccine injury or death, essentially removing any negative consequences they would suffer from releasing a defective or damaging product. To date, the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid out over 4.1 billion dollars to families who have suffered from a vaccine injury or death. A 2010 U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) pilot study by the Federal Agency for Health Care Research found one injury for every 39 vaccines administered.

Last year Hawaii took significant steps to reduce our freedom of choice in regards to vaccines, requiring additional required vaccinations to attend school. I think this bill seeks to protect the rights of those of us who make informed choices not to vaccinate. These rights are protected by our freedom of religion stated in the constitution, but I believe we should be able to make conscious objections as well. Even the United Nations states, in the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights: U.N. Article 6 – Consent: Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information. The consent should, where appropriate, be express and may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without disadvantage or prejudice. Again, I, therefore, offer my strong support for HB2459.

**LATE**

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Committee on Health  
Thursday, February 6, 2020, 8:45 am  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 329

**Testimony in Strong Support of HB 2459 Relating to Medical Autonomy**

Dear Chairs Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Committee,

It was only after I adopted a child with special needs, that I had to consider which vaccines might pose an undue risk and hardship on my daughter's unique physiology. Until then, I never paid attention to which vaccines were required for school age children; after all, when I was in school, there were only three vaccines.

Today the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) has unilaterally made the decision to mandate students get 14 vaccines in 55 doses. DOH had absolutely no transparency regarding how they identified which vaccines they are mandating and their individual nexus to outbreak or contagion in day cares, elementary schools or high schools.

Transparency in decision-making would help to build credibility. Details concerning specific vaccinations expose flaws in the DOH's broader vaccination campaign. For instance, while DOH acknowledges that tetanus "does NOT spread from person to person," it will remove a student for not being vaccinated for tetanus. Most of us get the vaccination after we step on a nail or are bitten by a dog - it is a response to an injury.

Hep B outbreaks occur at dialysis centers where needles go in and out of people and shared equipment gets contaminated. Even the CDC says Hep B is passed through needles sharing and sexual intercourse. So why is DOH requiring the vaccination of kids at birth, 4 weeks old then 3 months old. Please ask DOH how many children in day care have contracted Hep B from another child at day care or even elementary school?

Similarly to Hep B, Hep C outbreaks are centered around medical centers and IV drug use. Unlike Hep B, there is no vaccine available for Hep C - meaning there is no reason for DOH to create a false sense of safety or alarm between vaccinated and unvaccinated students.

And then there are those few vaccines that the FDA has studied - and reported that even with the vaccine, the vaccinated can still contract the disease and pass it on to

vaccinated and unvaccinated people. This is the case of the pertussis vaccination - so what is the point of denying access to education to a student because they did not get the ineffective pertussis vaccination?

Finally for those viruses that may be sexually transmitted among high school students, like Hepatitis B and HPV, condoms would prevent Hep B, HPV, HIV, lots of other STDs and unwanted pregnancies. It would be more effective to require DOH to provide condoms for distribution and comprehensive sex education to all schools, than to remove perfectly healthy students from school simply because they are not vaccinated.

Were you aware that the ADA and the Ryan White Act already protect HIV+ students from being kicked out of schools. Even if the DOH wanted to force an HIV+ students out of school - these federal laws would stop them. Ask the DOH if it is allowed to remove HPV+ students from schools in order to stop contagion or outbreak?

It is absurd for the DOH to remove a healthy, HPV- student from school because they are not vaccinated - and argue that this is the student putting everyone at risk of contagion. It is this kind of backward, illogical thinking that causes me concern. Whose interest is the DOH looking out for, my child's or the pharmaceutical corporations.

The DOH has overstepped, overreached and overreacted with their new schedule of mandatory vaccines. Most schools already have safeguards in place to stop the spread of all kinds of illnesses: no bringing your kids to school unless you are 24 hours-fever free and diarrhea-free.

What further undermines the DOH's credibility is that the medical exemption and religious exemption forms they provide to schools to distribute to families, are blatantly misleading. Take a look at the DOH forms and compare them to the exemption language in the HRS. DOH imposes language designed to misinform families and health workers about the broad applications of the exemptions.

First of all, these exemptions are not "requests" that DOH can deny. According to the statute, the written documents are self-evident and SHALL be accepted without any additional forms.

Regarding the religious exemption, parents do not need to "certify" their statement as the DOH language asserts, nor do they have to express any additional "understanding" of procedures or DOH claimed limitations.

Regarding the medical exemption, according to the statute, the only statement that needs to be certified by a licensed physician, physicians assistant or advanced practice registered nurse is that "the health or life of their patient would be endangered by the immunizations (sic) [vaccination].

Finally, please ask the DOH if they plan on collecting these completed forms from the schools? Parents need to know whether DOH plans to operate as if there is an implicit waiver of the students' FERPA privacy protections simply because the parents used the DOH forms. And schools must be warned that the school may not release any individual student's personal information - even to the DOH.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Cochran", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

**§302A-1156 Exemptions.** A child may be exempted from the required immunizations:

(1) If a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse certifies that the physical condition of the child is such that immunizations would endanger the child's life or health; or

(2) If any parent, custodian, guardian, or any other person in loco parentis to a child objects to immunization in writing on the grounds that the immunization conflicts with that person's bona fide religious tenets and practices. Upon showing the appropriate school official satisfactory evidence of the exemption, no certificate or other evidence of immunization shall be required for entry into school. [L 1996, c 89, pt of §2; am L 2009, c 151, §9; am L 2014, c 45, §7]

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## Medical Exemption Form

Instructions for completing Medical Exemption Form:

- Section 1: Completed by parent/guardian or student (aged  $\geq 18$  years): Enter child care facility, school, or post-secondary school, and student information  
 Section 2: Completed by licensed health care provider (MD, DO, ND, APRN-Rx, PA): Check exempted vaccine, contraindication or precaution, or both, and complete duration of exemption

### Section 1: Child Care Facility/School, Post-Secondary School, and Student Information

Student's Name:	Student's Date of Birth:		
Student's Home Address	City	State	Zip
Name of Child Care Facility, School, Post-Secondary School	Street Address	City	Zip

I understand that if at any time there is, in the opinion of the Department of Health, danger of an outbreak or epidemic from any communicable disease for which immunization is required, this exemption from immunization shall not be recognized and the student named above will be excluded from attending the child care facility, school, or post-secondary school until the Director of Health has determined that the presence of the outbreak no longer exists [HRS §302A-1157].

Parent/Guardian Name [if student <18 years]. (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian or Student (if aged  $\geq 18$  years) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2: For Health Care Provider Use ONLY (MD, DO, ND, APRN-Rx, PA):

VACCINE	CONTRAINDICATIONS* (Check all that apply to this patient):	PRECAUTIONS* (Check all that apply to this patient):	FROM:	TO:
<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component <input type="checkbox"/> DTaP/Tdap only: Encephalopathy (e.g., coma, decreased level of consciousness, prolonged seizures), not attributable to another identifiable cause, within 7 days of administration of previous dose of DTP, DTaP, Tdap	<input type="checkbox"/> Guillain-Barre Syndrome <6 weeks after previous dose of tetanus-toxoid-containing vaccine <input type="checkbox"/> History of Arthus-type hypersensitivity reactions after a previous dose of diphtheria-toxoid-containing or tetanus-toxoid-containing vaccine <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever <input type="checkbox"/> DTaP/Tdap only: Progressive or unstable neurologic disorder, including infantile spasms, uncontrolled epilepsy, progressive encephalopathy	/ /	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component <input type="checkbox"/> Age <6 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever	/ /	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> Hep A	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever	/ /	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> Hep B	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component <input type="checkbox"/> Hypersensitivity to yeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever	/ /	/ /

\*[https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/files/2019/08/HAR11-157\\_EXHIBIT\\_B.pdf](https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/files/2019/08/HAR11-157_EXHIBIT_B.pdf)



**Section 2: For Health Care Provider Use ONLY (MD, DO, ND, APRN-Rx, PA):**

VACCINE	CONTRAINDICATIONS* (Check all that apply to this Patient):	PRECAUTIONS* (Check all that apply to this patient)	FROM:	TO:
<input type="checkbox"/> HPV	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component <input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Known severe immunodeficiency (e.g., from hematologic and solid tumors, receipt of chemotherapy, congenital immunodeficiency, long-term immunosuppressive therapy or patients with HIV infection who are severely immunocompromised) <input type="checkbox"/> Family history of altered immunocompetence	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever <input type="checkbox"/> Recent (<11 months) receipt of antibody-containing blood product <input type="checkbox"/> History of thrombocytopenia or thrombocytopenic purpura <input type="checkbox"/> Need for tuberculin skin testing or interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) testing <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever	/ /	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> MMR	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Known severe immunodeficiency (e.g., from hematologic and solid tumors, receipt of chemotherapy, congenital immunodeficiency, long-term immunosuppressive therapy or patients with HIV infection who are severely immunocompromised) <input type="checkbox"/> Family history of altered immunocompetence	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent (<11 months) receipt of antibody-containing blood product <input type="checkbox"/> History of thrombocytopenia or thrombocytopenic purpura <input type="checkbox"/> Need for tuberculin skin testing or interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) testing <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever	/ /	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> MCV	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever	/ /	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> PCV	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose of PCV13 or any diphtheria-toxoid-containing vaccine or to a component of a vaccine (PCV13 or any diphtheria-toxoid-containing vaccine) <input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever	/ /	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> IPV	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever	/ /	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component <input type="checkbox"/> Known severe immunodeficiency (e.g., from hematologic and solid tumors, receipt of chemotherapy, congenital immunodeficiency, long-term immunosuppressive therapy or patients with HIV infection who are severely immunocompromised) <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Family history of altered immunocompetence	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent (<11 months) receipt of antibody-containing blood product <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever <input type="checkbox"/> Receipt of specific antiviral drugs (acyclovir, famciclovir, or valacyclovir) 24 hours before vaccination <input type="checkbox"/> Use of aspirin or aspirin-containing products	/ /	/ /

I certify that in my medical judgement, due to the contraindication(s)/precaution(s) noted above, this student is exempt from the specific vaccine(s) named for the period indicated.

Health care provider's name/Title (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ License number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health care provider's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DTaP=Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis, Tdap=Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis, DT=diphtheria, tetanus, Td=tetanus, diphtheria, Hib=Haemophilus influenzae type B, Hep A=hepatitis A, Hep B=hepatitis B, HPV=human papillomavirus, MMR=measles, mumps, rubella, MCV=meningococcal conjugate vaccine, PCV=pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, IPV=inactivated poliovirus vaccine



## REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM VACCINATION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

Student's Name:		Student's Date of Birth:	
Student's Home Address:		City	Zip
Name of Child Care Facility or School:	Street Address:	City	Zip
<p>_____ I certify that immunization conflicts with my bona fide religious tenets and practices. Initials</p> <p>_____ I understand that if at any time there is, in the opinion of the Department of Health, danger of an outbreak or epidemic from any communicable disease for which immunization is required, this exemption from immunization shall not be recognized and my child will be excluded from school or his/her child care facility until the threat of an epidemic is over or he/she receives the proper immunization. Initials</p> <p>_____ I understand that a request for religious exemption based on objections to specific vaccines will not be granted. Initials</p> <p>I understand the benefits and risks of the vaccinations my child is required to have for school/child care facility attendance, the risk of my child contracting the diseases that vaccines prevent, and the risk of my child transmitting disease to others. I understand that this form may not be used for personal or philosophical reasons.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Name (please print)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Signature <span style="float: right;">Date: _____</span></p> <p>HAWAII REVISED STATUTES: §302A-1156, §302A-1157, §325-34 HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: §11-157-5</p>			

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:21:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
claudia rice	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:47:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alec Wong-Miyasato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:13:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Slater	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Medicine is in the midst of the biggest change of paradigm in well over 100 years. The explosive advances in understanding the human biota and its relationship to our ability to resist diseases as well as cancers is Truly astounding. Things have gone so fast that many doctors have not been able to keep up with the research which points out how special and vulnerable a child's beginning Biota really is. Each healthy child has its own ecosystem of thousands of species of symbiotic microbes that are a major factor in their lifelong immune system. It's like a lush diverse rainforest. Pollutants and antibiotics can greatly damage this diversity with eventual recovery replacing this incredible rain Forrest like diversity with something more akin to a pine Forrest.

Vaccines are known to have large fluctuations in their effectiveness, in direct relation to the particular individual's biota, so a lot of new information has become suddenly available. I, for example would like my Grandchildren to receive vaccinations separately. Measals and Mumps given at different times, even if I had to pay considerably more than the convenient MMR.

We need to give all people who can give intelligent reasons a choice, not just Religious followers. Maybe certain vaccines will end up causing a suppressive effect on the biome. Even a 5% reduction of diversity could determine a lot in regards to that individual's future health. This is no time to force 100% compliance. We will never know if we do not allow any one to be the 'Control Group'

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:59:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sara Kahele	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:00:43 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Kahele	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:03:02 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicholas Ybl	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing on my own behalf and my family. We have experienced adverse effects to vaccination and strongly believe that the option to not vaccinate or to individualize the vaccination schedule. This should and must exist. This is to preserve life, liberty and the personal pursuit of happiness which is the foundation of our freedoms as a citizen of the United States of America.



**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:09:47 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle Kahele	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In strongly support HB2459.

**LATE**

**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:11:15 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyra Kahele	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2459.

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:13:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kristen Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, please vote yes on HB2459. Where there is a risk there needs to be a choice. It is our job as parents to research the pros and cons to make the best choice for our keiki in everything we do. We should not be forced to inject heavy metals and poison into our bodies. I personally am damaged by vaccines and I am spending soooo much money trying to repair all the damage. My brain is severely toxic with heavy metals and I don't want to do the same thing to my family. Mahalo!

House Members on the Committee of Health  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania  
Conference Room 329

February 6, 2020

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RE: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 2459

Aloha Chair Mizuno and House Health Committee Members,

I am writing in strong SUPPORT of HB 2459 allowing Conscientious Exemptions related to vaccines, giving Hawaii's citizens the right to make their own decisions since it is a God given, unalienable right as a human being as well as a citizen of this state and of this country.

One of the most important reasons why HB 2459 is important to ALL citizens of Hawaii is because it affects ALL citizens of Hawaii. Now that the DOH has mandated additional vaccines including the HPV vaccine for school entry, via HAR 11-157, the issue of Conscientious Exemption is even more important in this legislative session.

On August 13, 2019, Governor Ige signed the DOH's HAR 11-157, Immunizations and Examination, mandating all of the CDC's "recommended" vaccines for school entry except for the influenza vaccine. Since HAR 11-157 also mandates among other vaccines, the controversial HPV vaccine for a sexually transmitted disease for all sixth graders going into seventh grade, Hawaii is now one of the most vaccinated states of the fifty US states.

The DOH's new mandates, effective July 1, 2020, added five vaccines from K through 12 including Hepatitis A, HPV, MCV, and TDaP in addition to the originally recommended DTaP, Hepatitis B, Polio, MMR, and Varicella. The flu vaccine was not added because the DOE holds regular annual flu clinics.

Prior to the Governor's signature, the DOH collected public testimonies from November 1, 2019 to December 24, 2019, including 708 written testimonies from the public, with 122 testifiers, and 259 hearing attendees over the 5 hearings representing 6 Hawaiian Islands.<sup>1</sup>

The majority of testifiers cited many concerns about mandating vaccines, especially adverse reactions, deaths, autoimmune diseases, and chronic diseases, while providing links to hundreds of peer-reviewed papers.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sbrrb.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/SBRRB-Meeting-Packet-March-2019.pdf>

Since these scientific papers were not from a government agency such as the CDC, FDA, or NIH, the DOH dismissed most, if not all of these peer-reviewed papers but went on to make the following unsubstantiated claims:<sup>2</sup>

- a. "Vaccines cause both minor and rarely, serious side effects,"
- b. "Adverse events can be true adverse reactions, or coincidentally associated with but not caused by, vaccination."
- c. "To ensure that vaccines are potent, sterile, and safe requires the addition of minute amounts of chemical additives" ... However, "[Aluminum and formaldehyde] represent no danger in the very small amounts contained in vaccines."
- d. "Based on the best available science, it does not APPEAR that vaccine ingredients cause any serious adverse events other than the rare, true allergic reaction."

These DOH statements are unsubstantiated because the overarching US governmental agency, the Department of Health and Human Services that oversees the CDC, NIH, FDA, and HRSA failed its responsibility to determine the safety and effectiveness of any of the CDC recommended childhood vaccines over the last 33 years

Under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Title 42 U.S.C. §300aa-27 mandated the creation of a task force to study and oversee all aspects of the vaccine production process in the US in order to ensure that vaccines were safer and with fewer side effects, over time.

(a) **General rule**-In the administration of this part and other pertinent laws under the jurisdiction of the [Secretary](#), the [Secretary](#) shall—

(1) promote the [development](#) of childhood vaccines that result in fewer and less serious adverse reactions than those vaccines on the market on December 22, 1987, and promote the refinement of such vaccines, and

(2) make or assure improvements in, and otherwise use the authorities of the [Secretary](#) with respect to, the licensing, manufacturing, processing, testing, labeling, warning, use instructions, distribution, storage, administration, field surveillance, adverse reaction reporting, and recall of reactogenic lots or batches, of vaccines, and research on vaccines, in order to reduce the risks of adverse reactions to vaccines.

FOIA requests submitted by the Informed Consent Action Network in 2018 to the US Department of Health and Human Services,<sup>3</sup> and to NIH and HRSA<sup>4</sup> show that the DHHS failed to create the mandated task force, did not engage any DHHS agency to conduct vaccine safety studies on any

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<sup>2</sup><https://sbrrb.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/SBRRB-Meeting-Packet-March-2019.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Stipulated-Order-copy-1.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/013-STIPULATION.pdf>

childhood vaccines and did not submit a single report on vaccine safety to Congress since 1987 as required by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act.

The DHHS cannot say for certain that the vaccines that its CDC recommends are SAFE and EFFECTIVE because of their failure to conduct safety or efficacy studies, thus Hawaii's DOH should not have authority to mandate childhood vaccines while making these same claims about safety and efficacy when neither has been established by any responsible branch of the US government.

Additionally,

- A. The DOH claimed that the "HPV vaccine does not cause HPV infection or cancer. There are no data that suggest getting the HPV vaccine will have an effect on future fertility in women."<sup>5</sup>

Given the DHHS' admitted failure to assess the safety of any childhood vaccine, the DOH cannot claim that the HPV vaccine does not cause cancer or infertility. Further, prior to the signing of the new HAR 11-157, the DOH did not offer any data specific to Hawaii and did not offer any proof that Hawaii had a pressing need for mandating a vaccine for a sexually transmitted disease. This is both irresponsible and inappropriate for Hawaii's students.

A Conscientious Exemption for students would allow the DOH sufficient time to gather data showing that severe adverse events such as infertility and cancer do not occur before the individual is at child-bearing age.

- B. Many parents do not agree with mandated vaccines especially the HPV vaccine. A Conscientious Exemption would allow parents to avoid the HPV vaccine since it is a sexually transmitted disease not found in the classroom compared to a recognized, communicable disease.
- C. Mandating vaccines for school entry in public and private school, daycare facilities, preschools and post-secondary schools, while completely disregarding an individual's personal beliefs violates an individual's unalienable rights that are inherent in every individual. They cannot be taken away or denied. The Conscientious Exemption allows for individuals to make their own decisions while also allowing them to follow the law.
- D. The DOH claimed that "nonmedical vaccine refusal [religious exemptions] has been associated with preventable outbreaks of measles, varicella and pertussis as well as invasive pneumonia," and other infections, but oddly the DOH does NOT mention mumps.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://sbrrb.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/SBRRB-Meeting-Packet-March-2019.pdf>, p.55.

The DOH cited a paper to this effect<sup>6</sup>, yet realistically, Hawaii has not had any of these outbreaks reported by the media in the last 20 or so years except for the mumps outbreak in 2017-2018.

Based on the DOH's data<sup>7</sup> the number of children with a religious exemption in Hawaii from 2018-2019 was approximately 3887 or 1.88 percent of 207,030 children enrolled in schools reporting their vaccination status to the DOH. Even the mumps outbreak in 2017-2018 was not of the unvaccinated but mainly from 21-year-old vaccinated college students.

The DOH's statement claiming that "nonmedical vaccine refusal has been associated with preventable outbreaks" does not seem to apply to Hawaii since approximately 98 percent of school aged students are vaccinated, which is well above the imaginary herd immunity threshold of 95 percent.

Instead, it appears that the DOH's statement was clearly intended to incite fear and discrimination against the 1.88 percent of unvaccinated children with a religious exemption in the hopes of convincing the greater community that these children pose a threat when in fact, there is very little evidence that this is true.

Nevertheless, a Conscientious exemption would benefit those who individuals who may be atheists, or do not follow any church or tenets.

- E. Once HAR 11-157 goes into effect on July 1, 2020, a provider's medical judgement will not be necessary for a child's Medical Exemption. Rather, the provider will only be required to check boxes on the DOH's form based on Table 4.1 of the "General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization" from the Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices, which is taken almost word for word.<sup>8</sup>

For students who cannot get a medical exemption because family history, genetic predisposition, adverse reactions in siblings, and other related concerns that are no longer acceptable reasons for a medical exemption per the new HAR 11-157, a Conscientious exemption would actually allow this as a consideration.

- F. The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons is a group of physicians who advocate for the health and well-being of the patient with a focus on the principles of medical ethics.<sup>9</sup> They support the patient's right to reject or accept any medical procedure, including vaccines, after being fully informed of the risks and benefits. Further, they believe that "Governmental preemption of patients' or parents' decisions about

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<sup>6</sup> <https://sbrrb.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/SBRRB-Meeting-Packet-March-2019.pdf>,

<sup>7</sup> <https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/files/2019/03/Exemptions-2018-19.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/files/2019/08/11-157-includes-Exhibit-A-and-Exhibit-B.pdf>, Exhibit B, Table 4.1.

<sup>9</sup> <https://aapsonline.org/principles-medical-ethics/>

accepting vaccinations violates individual liberty, autonomy, and parental decisions about child rearing.”

According to their beliefs, a Conscientious Exemption bill would allow parents to make decisions based these principles which is the basis of informed consent.

In contrast, the American Medical Association (AMA) consists of many of our own providers who shamelessly push to remove our exemptions while the AMA’s own Code of Ethics, Opinion 8.7<sup>10</sup> offers ALL three exemption types including Religious, Medical and Philosophical exemptions to all AMA members.

Therefore, ALL providers under the AMA should support HB 2459 related to Conscientious Exemptions, for all of their patients!

According to a recent 2019 survey,<sup>11</sup> Hawaii is third most diverse state in the union with individuals from many different backgrounds. Yet, Hawaii has gradually stripped away individual rights while also claiming that individual rights are preserved for the greater good. However, we are all not the same and should not be forced through the same cookie-cutter. Individual reactions to vaccines cannot be predetermined thus individuals should not be forced to undertake a medical procedure where the risks, benefits, efficacy and safety are only “guesstimated” but not necessarily well known or understood.

For these many reasons, I am in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 2459.

Mahalo,

Teresa Ocampo

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/ethics/routine-universal-immunization-physicians>

<sup>11</sup> <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-least-diverse-states-in-america/38262/>



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**HB-2459**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leticia Sharp	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly agree with the right of the individual to choose to participate or be exempt of vaccines, depending on their personal beliefs and lifestyle. Taking this right away is a violation to our rights of freedom and could prove to be dangerous to many individuals. This is a major concern. I will be an active part of supporting this right as a health professional in this state.

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**HB-2459**

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:25:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/6/2020 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie Rocho-Levine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support bill HB2459!

It is important for the safety of our children to do further research on vaccines. Supporting this bill supports human health, civil rights, and medical freedom. It is important that you look again at these issues in a new light. Please. For the Public's Health. For all our sake please allow HB2459 to be passed.

With much aloha and concern,

Julie Rocho-Levine