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Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Resolution Title: HCR 0173, HD1 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND VACCINATION DRIVE EFFORTS AT SCHOOLS IN HAWAII WITH VACCINATION RATES UNDER THIRTY PERCENT, BEGINNING AT THE START OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

Department's Position:

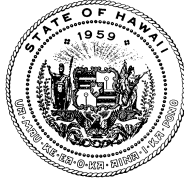
The Hawai'i State Department of Education (Department) supports HCR 173, HD1, urging the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) to undertake preliminary education, outreach, and vaccination drive efforts at schools in Hawaii with vaccination rates under fifty percent, prioritizing those under thirty percent, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

Ensuring the health and safety of our students is paramount to their ability to learn and thrive. This resolution represents a crucial step toward that goal. The Department recognizes that high vaccination rates are essential for preventing the outbreak of preventable diseases in our school communities.

The Department appreciates the DOH's leadership and proactive approach to addressing this critical public health issue. The Department stands ready to partner in developing a long-term, comprehensive strategy that respects the diversity of our student population while ensuring their health and safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony in SUPPORT of H.C.R. 173, H.D. 1

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND VACCINATION DRIVE EFFORTS AT SCHOOLS IN HAWAII WITH VACCINATION RATES UNDER THIRTY PERCENT, BEGINNING AT THE START OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN H. WOODSON, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

1 Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Room Number: 309

2 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health will evaluate costs associated with the
3 development of a plan for a long-term program to counter vaccine hesitancy and increase
4 vaccination rates across Hawai'i schools and will communicate this information to the
5 Legislature via a report submitted no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular
6 Session of 2026.

7 **Department Position:** The Department of Health ("Department") **SUPPORTS** this measure.

8 **Department Testimony:** As Hawai'i faces declining immunization rates, the Department agrees
9 that efforts to improve education, outreach, access, and availability of immunizations as
10 components of a long-term plan to counter vaccine hesitancy and increase vaccination rates
11 across schools, are critically important to protect our keiki and communities from the increasing
12 incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases. We are appreciative of the Legislature's concern
13 and welcome the opportunity for increased fiscal and administrative support for these efforts.

14 The Department is actively partnering with interested DOE, Charter, Private Schools, and
15 community vaccination partners to revive and expand the former Stop Flu at School program to

1 offer all immunizations required for school entry and attendance. As urged by H.C.R. 173, the
2 Department will conduct preliminary education, outreach, and vaccination drive efforts at
3 schools with immunization rates under thirty percent. The Department also appreciates the
4 information provided in HCR173 regarding immunization education and outreach efforts in
5 other States and will follow-up to evaluate their program planning efforts, coordination, costs,
6 implementation plans, and number of staff required to develop content and oversee
7 operations.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 9:03:16 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jessica dias	Free Citizens of Maunaloa	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE this Resolution. This risks FERPA violations over an issue that belongs in the family, not the government. It also threatens Parental Rights and Informed Consent. Finally, the state of Hawaii should not spend any money until the people of Maui have been RESTORED to their homes and properties.

**Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Education**

HEARING: Tuesday April 1, 2:00P.M.

PLACE: Room 309 State Capital and via videoconference



Hawai'i – American Nurses Association (Hawai'i-ANA)

HCR 173, HD1 / HR 169, HD1(HSCR1532) / (HSCR1531)

Relating to Vaccination Rates in Hawai'i Schools

Chair Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair Rep. Trish La Chica, Vice Chair and members of the House Committee on Education thank you for providing this opportunity for Hawai'i - American Nurses Association (Hawai'i-ANA) to provide testimony **in strong support of HCR 173, HD1 / HR 169, HD1(HSCR1532) / (HSCR1531).**

Hawai'i-ANA is the state's premier professional nursing organization that fosters high standards of professional nursing practice, promotes safe and ethical work environments, and advocates on health care issues that affect nurses and the public.

We stand in strong support of this bill which urges the Department of Health to initiate preliminary education, outreach, and vaccination drive efforts at schools in Hawaii with vaccination rates under fifty percent, prioritizing schools with rates below thirty percent, beginning at the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Maintaining high vaccination rates in our communities is critical for preserving herd immunity, which is especially vital in protecting the very young, the aged, and others with complex health

conditions who are all susceptible to severe complications from vaccine-preventable diseases. Herd immunity is resistance to the spread of an infectious disease within a population that is based on pre-existing immunity of a high proportion of individuals as a result of previous infection or vaccination. It is known that the level of vaccination needed to achieve herd immunity varies by disease but ranges from 83 to 94 percent. It is therefore alarming to Hawai‘i-ANA that schools in Hawai‘i are running at 30-50% immunization rates, which puts our whole community at risk.

Hawai‘i-ANA also agrees with the Hawai‘i Departments of Health and Education, the State Health Planning and Development Agency, Hawai‘i Medical Association, Hawai‘i Public Health Institute, the Hawai‘i Academy of Family Physicians, in previous testimony that this bill reinforces Hawai‘is commitment to preventive health care, cost effective public-health infrastructure, and data-driven decision-making: key pillars of our nationally-recognized healthcare system.

Our national organization the American Nurses Association (ANA) takes the position that “it is imperative for everyone to receive immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases as vaccines are critical to infectious disease prevention and control. Moreover, nurses have a professional and ethical obligation to model the same health care standards they prescribe to their patients.” As the Hawai‘i chapter of ANA, Hawai‘i-ANA supports this evidence-based position statement and its intent to champion community vaccination as a safe and effective way to prevent the spread of disease. We must protect the health of our community by ensuring effective immunization rates in our community.

Hawai‘i-ANA recognizes the voices of individuals who have testified in opposition to this bill, with their concerns that this measure unnecessarily infringes on parental rights, personal freedoms, and/or individual choice. As members of the most trusted profession over many years, all nurses adhere to the four ethical principles in our Code of Ethics for Nurses. Nurses are advocates for patients and must find a balance while delivering patient care. There are four main principles of ethics: autonomy, beneficence, justice, and non-maleficence. Autonomy is each patient’s right to make their own decisions based on their own beliefs and values. Beneficence in nursing is acting for the good and welfare of others and including such attributes as kindness and charity. Justice means that nurses must care for all patients with the same level of fairness despite the individual's financial abilities, race, religion, gender, and/or sexual orientation. Nonmaleficence means to do no harm. This is the most well-known of the main principles of nursing ethics. More specifically, it means that nurses select interventions and care that will cause the least amount of harm to achieve a beneficial outcome. Therefore, Hawai‘i-ANA can assure the community that all nurses will uphold parental rights, personal freedoms, and individual choice when providing healthcare, because we adhere to our Code of Ethics in advocating to provide the best, safest, and most humane care to all patients.

Hawai‘i-ANA respectfully asks the committee to pass **HCR 173, HD1 / HR 169, HD1(HSCR1532) / (HSCR1531)**. We thank your committee for its commitment to the people of Hawai‘i and for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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TESTIMONY
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HCR173 RELATED TO VACCINE DRIVE EFFORTS AT SCHOOLS
Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 2:00 PM
State Capitol Conference Room 309

Chair Woodsen, Vice Chair La Chica, and Committee Members:

Submitted in STRONG OPPOSITION by Jamie Detwiler, Hawaiian Islands Republican Women

HCR173 is repugnant to the U.S. Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution.

In summary, HCR173 proposes the resolution with the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is urged to undertake preliminary education, outreach, and vaccination drive efforts at schools in Hawaii.

Vaccine drives have NO place in schools. The decision to vaccinate children lies solely with parents and guardians in consultation with their physician. We have the lowest academic test scores in the U.S. It would be best for the DOE to focus on classical education in school, not vaccine education. This is a waste of time and taxpayer dollars.

Government Overreach

As a retired health care professional and a consumer of health care, I know that we are all entitled to Informed Consent and have the right to refuse any medical intervention including immunizations in any circumstances. The Government shall not determine the need for immunizations.

Big Pharma Profit Scheme

Tax dollars should NOT be used to provide preliminary education, outreach, and vaccination drive efforts at schools in Hawaii.

U.S. Constitution

HCR173 is a violation of our religious freedom. Our first amendment protection of religious liberty cannot be subjugated by state law. Americans have the right to refuse any order, medicine, or procedure that violates their religious beliefs as well as anything that is immoral or unethical according to their well-informed conscience.

HCR173 assumes that adults and children will be participating in immunization programs. No one shall be mandated to participate. According to the fourteenth amendment, no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Hawaii State Constitution

Article I. FREEDOM OF RELIGION, SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND PETITION

Section 4. No law shall be enacted respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Please do the right thing and vote NO on HCR173. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



March 31, 2025

To: Chair Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair Trish La Chica, and Members of the Committee on Education

From: Health Committee

Re: Testimony in Support of HCR173, H1 / HR169 - Vaccination Drive efforts at schools with Vaccination Rates under Thirty Percent,

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025, **Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 309, and via videoconference, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

The Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports HCR173, H1 / HR169, which urges the Department of Health to undertake preliminary education, outreach, and vaccination drive efforts at schools in Hawaii with vaccination rates under thirty percent, beginning at the start of the 2025-2026 school year. This resolution addresses a critical public health issue by emphasizing the importance of increasing vaccination rates to protect the health and well-being of Hawaii's students and communities.

- **Importance of Addressing Low Vaccination Rates:**
 - Schools with vaccination rates below thirty percent pose a significant public health risk, as low coverage increases the likelihood of disease outbreaks.
 - Vaccinations are a proven, cost-effective measure to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and safeguard community health.
- **Benefits of Education and Outreach Efforts:**
 - Preliminary education and outreach efforts will inform students, parents, and school communities about the importance and safety of vaccinations.

- Culturally sensitive and accessible messaging will help address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation, ensuring broader community understanding and engagement.
- **Need for Targeted Vaccination Drives:**
 - Organizing vaccination drives at schools with low vaccination rates will make vaccines more accessible and convenient for students and their families.
 - Targeted initiatives will ensure that resources are directed to the schools and communities with the greatest need, maximizing impact and effectiveness.
- **Positive Impact on Public Health:**
 - Increasing vaccination rates will reduce the risk of outbreaks of preventable diseases, protecting the health of students, educators, and families.
 - Improved public health outcomes contribute to safer learning environments and stronger community resilience.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this vital resolution. Passing HCR173, H1 / HR169 demonstrates Hawaii's commitment to proactive public health measures that protect our keiki and ensure the well-being of our communities.

Mahalo nui loa,

Alan Burdick, Chair, Health Committee
Melodie Aduja, Vice Chair, Health Committee

HAWAII PATRIOT REPUBLICANS

Written Testimony in Opposition to H.R. No. 169 and H.C.R No 173
Submitted to the House Committee on Education
March 31, 2025

Aloha Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to H.R. No. 169 and H.C.R No 173, which urge the Department of Health to implement education, outreach, and vaccination drives in Hawaii's schools with vaccination rates below 50%, prioritizing those under 30%. While public health is a shared concern across party lines, this resolution represents an overreach of government authority, a threat to individual liberty, and a direct affront to the values that have guided our nation under principled leadership. As a Republican, I urge you—especially my Democratic colleagues—to vote NO on this measure, recognizing its potential to harm Hawaii's families, defy federal priorities, and repeat costly mistakes seen elsewhere. Below, I outline my objections with clear evidence and appeal to our common interest in protecting the people of Hawaii.

1. Government Overreach Undermines Parental Rights

H.R. No. 169 and H.C.R No 173 seek to insert the state into the sacred relationship between parents and their children by targeting schools for vaccination campaigns. This resolution implies that the government knows better than parents how to care for their kids—a notion that Democrats, who often champion personal choice, should find troubling. The data cited in the resolution, showing 17.09% of students lacking full immunization records in 2023-2024, does not justify overriding parental discretion. Many of these families may have legitimate concerns about vaccine safety or necessity, yet this bill dismisses them in favor of a one-size-fits-all approach.

The Trump administration consistently opposed such heavy-handed mandates. President Trump himself stated in 2020, "We're not going to force anybody to take [vaccines]. I don't think it should be mandatory." This resolution's push for state-led vaccination drives risks alienating parents and eroding trust in both local and federal government. Democrats who value community trust should see this as a step too far.

2. Defiance of the Trump Administration's Agenda Harms Hawaii

With President Trump's leadership reaffirmed in 2025, Hawaii must align with federal priorities to secure support and resources. The Trump administration has historically opposed coercive vaccination policies, as seen in its rejection of broad federal mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar emphasized in 2020 that vaccination decisions should remain "a matter of personal choice," not state imposition. H.R. No. 169 and H.C.R No 173's aggressive push for school-based vaccination efforts directly contradicts this stance.

Defying this agenda could jeopardize federal funding for Hawaii's health and education programs. For example, Trump's administration tied disaster relief and infrastructure funds to state cooperation—recall the \$1.4 billion approved for Hawaii's recovery efforts in 2023 after severe storms. If Hawaii pursues policies at odds with federal priorities, we risk losing similar support, leaving our communities vulnerable. Democrats, who often advocate for federal-state partnerships, should recognize the practical danger here.

3. Negative Outcomes from Similar Measures in Other States

History shows that vaccination campaigns like those proposed in H.R. No. 169 and H.C.R No 173 can backfire, reducing public trust and economic stability. In New York City, a 2019 measles vaccination mandate in certain neighborhoods led to widespread resistance, with vaccination rates dropping further in some areas due to distrust in government motives ([source](#)). Parents felt targeted, and community backlash grew, undermining the very goal of herd immunity.

Similarly, California's SB 277 (2015), which eliminated personal belief exemptions for school vaccinations, sparked a surge in homeschooling and private school enrollment as families opted out of the system entirely ([source](#)). Hawaii's private schools, already showing non-vaccination rates above 60%, could see a similar exodus, straining public resources and deepening social divides—issues Democrats care deeply about resolving, not exacerbating.

Perhaps most telling is Honolulu's own experience with COVID-19 vaccine passports in 2021. A study found that businesses subject to the mandate saw a significant drop in foot traffic, with some sectors losing up to 20% of their customer base as unvaccinated patrons stayed away ([source](#)). This resolution's focus on schools risks similar economic ripple effects if families pull students out or businesses near targeted schools suffer. Why repeat these failures?

4. Education and Outreach Won't Solve Hesitancy—It May Worsen It

The resolution cites programs like Seattle's COVID-19 vaccination drive (8.8% increase) and Michigan's "I Vaccinate" campaign (12% teen vaccination increase) as success stories. But these examples gloss over the backlash. In Seattle, the program faced protests and lawsuits from parents who felt coerced, ultimately costing taxpayers millions in legal fees with only modest gains ([source](#)). Michigan's campaign, while boosting teen rates, saw vaccine hesitancy among adults rise as government messaging was perceived as propaganda, not education ([source](#)).

Hawaii's unique cultural context—emphasizing family and community autonomy—makes this resolution's top-down approach even riskier. Shoving vaccines into schools could deepen mistrust, especially among Native Hawaiian and rural communities already skeptical of state overreach. Democrats who prioritize cultural sensitivity should reject this blunt instrument.

5. Fiscal Responsibility Demands a No Vote

Finally, H.R. No. 169 and H.C.R No 173 call for a long-term program with unspecified funding and administrative restructuring—buzzwords for a budget buster. Hawaii's taxpayers cannot afford another open-ended health initiative when we're still recovering from past economic hits. The resolution's demand for a report by 2026 offers no cost estimates, yet similar efforts elsewhere have proven expensive. Washington's "Immunity Community" campaign, lauded in the resolution, cost over \$5 million over three years for a mere 10% drop in hesitancy—a poor return on investment ([source](#)).

Democrats often fight for fiscal equity and protecting working families. This resolution threatens to drain resources that could better serve housing, education, or disaster preparedness—priorities that align with both parties' goals for Hawaii.

Conclusion: Vote NO to Protect Hawaii's People

H.R. No. 169 and H.C.R No 173 are misguided proposals that threaten parental rights, defies federal leadership, repeats proven failures, risks cultural backlash, and burdens taxpayers. I urge you, honorable members—especially my Democratic colleagues who value choice, equity, and community—to vote NO. Let's protect Hawaii's families by rejecting this overreach and finding solutions that unite, not divide, our state.

Sincerely,

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To: Chair Justin Woodson, Vice Chair Trish La Chica, & Members of the Education Committee

Re: Testimony to strongly OPPOSE HCR173.

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica & Members of the Education Committee,

My name is Margaret Mejia, and I represent *Hawai'i Christian Coalition*. *Hawaii Christian Coalition* has been around for many, many years, and we have over 35,000 members. We represent about 130,000 people (parents and their keiki) in all districts, including the neighbor Islands. I am submitting testimony today to ask you to **vote NO on HCR173**.

First, it is NOT ethical to take Federal funds from Medicare and Federal & State funds from Medicaid to finance Governor Josh Green's Vaccination Drives, (in part) via HCR173. Medicare funds are federal funds that are designated for the elderly 65 years and older. Medicare and Medicaid funds should NOT be raided and funneled into the Department of Health and/or the Department of Education for the purpose of vaccinating children and adults.

Vaccination Drives at Schools are NOT necessary since we already have *Vaccines for Children*, a federally funded program that provides free vaccines for eligible children in Hawai'i. We also have CHIPS, so once again, Vaccination Drives are NOT necessary. Parents can take their children to the doctors if they want them to be vaccinated.

Just as the people spoke against HB1118, people should have a CHOICE as to whether they want to be vaccinated or not. Parents should have a CHOICE as to whether they want their children to be vaccinated or not and should not have to "Opt out" at School. Over the years, even decades, Democrats said, "My body, my choice," regarding abortion "rights." Now that people are saying, "My body, my choice," regarding vaccinations, suddenly, the Democrats are silent and no longer say, "My body, my choice." People should decide what they want to put into their bodies.

Vaccinations have ingredients like formaldehyde, Polysorbate 80 (that causes cancer), fetal tissue cells (like the ones in ALL the covid 19 vaccines), aluminum, mercury, animal blood, parts of animal organs, mRNA (that changes a person's DNA), and many other harmful ingredients. People should not only be able to choose whether or not they want these ingredients in their bodies but each person who receives a vaccine should be INFORMED of the ingredients in each vaccine. Also, there are alternative ways people can boost their immunity. Instead of forcing them to get vaccinated, why not educate people on healthy ways to boost their immune system?

Governor Green wants to turn Hawai'i schools into Health Clinics for vaccinations. **IF** passed, HCR173 would fund Governor Green's Vaccination Drive by providing a "Provider" at Hawaii's schools that gives vaccinations to children. This is gross negligence by the Department of Education and the Department of Health. It is not ethical and there will be lawsuits galore! A child does not know the ingredients in these vaccines. A child does not know that it is more dangerous to receive vaccines in threes (such as MMR, or DPT), versus a single dose. A child does not know that people can have adverse reactions to a vaccine or even die from a vaccine. A child does not know that the "bugs" in these vaccines mutate and then the vaccine is NO longer effective. Where is the Informed Consent?

Will Department of Education & Department of Health be Liable?

One of the main problems with this bill is liability. Who will be liable in cases where vaccine injury or vaccine death occurs? I see lawsuits and LOTS of them, **IF** this bill were to pass.

Schools are for EDUCATION, and NOT MEDICATION.

In addition, Taxpayer money designated for education via the public school system, would be used towards the public schools being used as a medical facility for vaccinations! Or even worse, they will use vax buses like they did during the plandemic. Children go to school for education not for vaccination. If parents want their children to be vaccinated, they can take them to a medical doctor or a medical clinic. Remote areas have clinics to go to for vaccinations. Even in remote areas like Hana, Maui, there are clinics in Hana Town where vaccinations are available for parents who want to vaccinate their children.

Taxpayers should not fund immunizations. Just as the Hyde Amendment protects our federal taxpayer dollars from funding abortions, we should not have to use our state or federal (Medicare & Medicaid) taxpayer dollars to fund immunizations, since many people do not believe in immunizations and since people have a choice as to whether they want to vaccinate or not. Although the Hawai'i Department of Health gives an initial start-up cost of this program, HCR173 contains no spending cap and does not detail the ongoing cost of funding this program.

This bill gives the Department of Health way too much authority! DOH would be able to decide what substance, including mRNA can be used in these vaccines. mRNA

is a dangerous substance and according to Dr. Robert Malone, M.D., M.S, a biochemist/biologist and creator of mRNA technology, mRNA changes people's DNA. The people and not DOH should decide whether or not they want to be vaccinated.

We find that HCR173 is a campaign to vaccinate, hosting the medical treatments on publicly funded school campuses across the Islands. These schools do NOT meet the standard of care required for children and adults, especially the children whom the public has entrusted in the Department of Education's care to educate, and not to medicate.

The Department of Education's trespass into the realm of medicine, medical treatment, medical device administration, faculties, and facility is unlawful, illegal, and dangerous. Schools should be prepared to be sued for lack of full informed transparency (NO Informed Consent) and destroying the quality of life to anyone who develops injuries, damages, and death as a result of vaccinations.

“Providers” will be held personally accountable, responsible, liable for negligence, trespass, falsehood, complicit in coercive and propaganda tactics. Legislators will be held liable for breach of violation of your oaths of office, including not upholding the United States Constitution and the Hawai'i State Constitution. The Department of Education and the Department of Health will be held liable for no Informed Consent and for breaching student physician care to “do no harm,” illegally and unlawfully interceding in the medical care of the student, exposing a tax-funded school campus to legal liability for conversion into a medical treatment facility making it vulnerable to plausible lawsuits filed by any damaged and injured recipients of immunizations.

Please vote NO to HCR173.

Sincerely,

Margaret Mejia, Vice President
Hawai'i Christian Coalition

March 29, 2025

To: Representative David Tarnas, Chair,
And Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 173/HR 169 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND VACCINATION DRIVE EFFORTS AT SCHOOLS IN HAWAII WITH VACCINATION RATES UNDER FIFTY PERCENT, PRIORITIZING SCHOOLS WITH VACCINATION RATES UNDER THIRTY PERCENT, BEGINNING AT THE START OF THE 20252026 SCHOOL YEAR.

As a public health professional and a concerned citizen, I strongly support efforts to increase vaccination rates for children attending public schools.

Vaccinations save lives, not only for the children who receive them, but also for other vulnerable individuals in our communities. Vaccines protect those who, due to allergies or other medical conditions, cannot receive vaccinations.

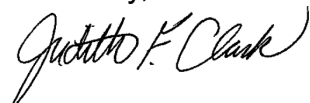
Providing medically accurate, culturally sensitive education about the importance of vaccines as proposed in this resolution will promote public health and prevent children from experiencing harm from preventable diseases.

My great grandmother became deaf at the age of five from an illness that is preventable today. My grandmother had diphtheria as a child. She had lifelong lung damage and disability. I was a child in a time when measles, mumps, polio, and rubella vaccines did not yet exist. I did not enjoy my experiences with measles and mumps, and I had friends whose experiences with polio changed their lives forever.

Children deserve to grow up safe and healthy – and vaccinations help us achieve that goal.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 9:10:13 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica McCullum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 4:37:44 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya Dean	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support vaccine education through the schools across Hawai'i. We absolutely need this program to be fully supported as we watch measles spread elsewhere and we face a campaign of anti-science, anti-public health, and anti-truth at the federal government level. The shockingly low immunization rates in Hawai'i must be addressed as we also see federal health services and research and planning by the CDC gutted. The seeming inevitability of not being able to manage the next widespread outbreak (pandemic?!) must be acknowledged by our Hawai'i leaders. Hawai'i must get ahead of that scenario by immunizing our keiki through kupuna, and schools are the best way to do this.

Mahalo!

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 5:40:38 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eleanor Cassel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a retired teacher I am acutely aware of the importance and efficacy of childhood vaccination and am very concerned about the low rates of vaccination here in Hawaii. I think that living on an Island with visitors coming in from around the world, it is even more imperative to have our children (as well as kupuna) protected from viruses that may arrive with the visitors. I believe outreach and education for students and parents concerning the safety and efficacy of vaccinations will go a long way toward improving the percentage of vaccinated keiki. Please support H.C.R. 173. Mahalo, Eleanor Cassel, Waikoloa

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 8:40:10 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Candace Vizcarra	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose the big push for any vaccinations that are not necessary, big pharma money makers, and impose on medical freedoms by conducting jab drives to obtain 'herd immunity' which is no longer a reliant source of evidence that these jabs are effective!

GOD KNOWS AND SEES ALL!!!

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 9:30:19 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jamesunhealthy. Wallace	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose HCR173 HD1. All vax programs are frauds and a scam. It's about the money. Big pharma is paying off Hawaii politicians and also Josh Greed. They don't care of people's health like Dept. Of Unhealthy. Investigate them and put them in jail, even J. Greed.

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 9:42:04 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MARIO GARCIA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposition to HCR173 – Concerns Over Government-Led Vaccination Drives in Schools

I strongly oppose Hawaii House Concurrent Resolution 173 (HCR173), which urges the Department of Health to conduct education, outreach, and vaccination efforts at schools with low immunization rates. While public health initiatives are important, this resolution raises several concerns regarding personal freedoms, parental rights, and medical choice.

1. Government Overreach in Personal Medical Decisions

HCR173 prioritizes schools with vaccination rates below 50%, with a particular focus on those under 30%. However, medical decisions should remain a private matter between families and their healthcare providers, not be influenced by targeted government campaigns in schools. Encouraging vaccinations is one thing, but actively pushing them onto students without addressing individual concerns and medical histories is an overstep.

2. Parental Rights and Informed Consent

Parents have the fundamental right to make medical choices for their children. By implementing vaccination campaigns in schools, HCR173 risks pressuring families into compliance without fully considering their unique circumstances. Parents should have the right to make informed decisions without feeling coerced by government-endorsed initiatives that may not present all sides of the discussion.

3. Ethical and Religious Concerns

Hawaii is home to diverse religious and philosophical beliefs. Some families choose not to vaccinate due to their faith or personal convictions. HCR173 does not account for these deeply held beliefs and may create undue pressure on children and parents to act against their conscience. Public health efforts must respect these freedoms rather than impose a one-size-fits-all approach.

4. Potential Safety and Liability Issues

Vaccines, like all medical interventions, carry potential risks and side effects. While they may be beneficial for many, they are not without controversy or adverse reactions. Schools should not become centers for medical procedures, especially when there is no clear protocol in HCR173 regarding accountability in cases of vaccine injuries. If the government encourages vaccination in schools, who is responsible for adverse effects?

5. Misallocation of Public Health Resources

Rather than focusing on school-based vaccination drives, Hawaii's Department of Health should direct its efforts toward strengthening access to healthcare providers, improving medical literacy, and allowing families to make informed choices at their own pace. Investing in broader public health education, rather than targeting specific schools with lower vaccination rates, would be a more balanced approach.

Conclusion

HCR173 sets a dangerous precedent for government involvement in private medical decisions. Encouraging health awareness is important, but it should never come at the expense of personal freedoms, parental rights, and informed medical choice. Instead of implementing school-based vaccination drives, lawmakers should respect individual rights and focus on broader healthcare access and education without coercion.

For these reasons, I urge legislators to reject HCR173 and uphold the principles of medical freedom and informed consent for all Hawaii residents.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2025 7:50:05 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The concept of herd immunity is an outdated theory from 1930 and there is no reliable DATA regarding "Herd Immunity". By now all should be aware due to the mismanagement of the Covid years that vaccines are not the solution evidenced by the harm inflicted by the expert class on our businesses and economy. Viruses mutate, as the covid-19 virus did, reducing or eliminating the vaccines effectiveness. In fact these vaccines facilitate the speed at which these viruses mutate making stronger, more deadly and elusive bugs that escape vaccines efficacy. Your most important role is to protect the people's liberty, including informed consent, Religious Exemptions and Medical Freedom. Hawaii is a state that has always championed the freedom of Body autonomy "My Body My Choice"

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 7:56:17 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tinamarie Cura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Opposition to Bill HCR 173 - Department of Health Vaccination Drives

I respectfully submit my testimony in opposition to Bill HCR 173, which proposes authorizing the Department of Health to undertake vaccination drives. Parents have the fundamental right to make medical decisions for their children, and this bill undermines that right by promoting government-drive vaccination effort that may pressure families rather than empower informed choices.

Additionally, using taxpayers money to fund such a project through advertisement and promotional campaigns and drives for vaccines is an unnecessary and wasteful expense. These funds could be better utilized to support essential healthcare services, enhance medical resources and provide direct assistance to families in need.

Health decisions should remain in the hands of parents, guided by conversations with trusted healthcare providers. Misallocating taxpayer dollars and resources for unnecessary promotional drives is both wasteful and ineffective. Trust in healthcare decisions is best built through transparent communication between families and their healthcare providers - not through government-funded advertisements.

I urge lawmakers to prioritize respect for parental rights, to stand against the misuse of funds and resources by rejecting this bill.

Thank you for your considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Tinamarie Cura

March 31, 2025 8:15AM

To: Chair Representative Woodson and Members of the House Education Committee
From: Cheryl Toyofuku
Relating to: HCR173 HD1 / HR169 Vaccination Drive Efforts at Schools in Hawaii
Hearing scheduled: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in room 309

I strongly **oppose HCR173 HD1 / HR169** due to the following reasons:

* As stated in HCR173, the purpose of this resolution is because of DOH's concern about decreased vaccination rates due to vaccine hesitancy.

QUESTION? Why are the people of Hawaii hesitant now about vaccines?

* Parents and many others in Hawaii are now researched and informed, on their own, without help from the DOH. They understand that toxic vaccines are NOT the solution to keep their children safe & healthy. They are choosing NOT to vaccinate due to the extensive scientific evidence of vaccine failures, adverse events and deaths. Vaccines are not "safe & effective". Vaccine rates have decreased because parents now realize with critical thinking that vaccines build artificial "herd immunity" based on flawed science.

* The VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System) and Vaccine Death Reports confirm a phenomenal increase in the detrimental effects of toxic vaccines with often severe neurological and immune disorders, autism, myocarditis, cancer and other chronic diseases. Vaccine ingredients include heavy metals, animal viruses, aborted fetal cell lines, polysorbate 80 that causes cancer, antibiotics, mRNA that changes the human genetic code.

* We oppose this resolution of promoting "outreach and vaccination drive efforts at schools in Hawaii". It suggests that educating students that vaccines are "safe and effective" will increase vaccine rates, along with questionable and dangerous school vaccination clinics like in Seattle and Hawaii. Many recall the school vaccine buses during the coronavirus with attractive incentives for students to vaccinate. This is furthering agendas towards often mandating vaccines without informed consent or without freedom of choice.

* This is a misguided and a poor use of valuable funding, time and resources. The Departments of Health and Education should better use resources towards programs of healthier school lunches, educating on the abundance of natural nutrients available, sunshine & exercise to build our children's immune systems, which is a healthier way to achieve natural "herd immunity" against diseases. More evidence proves nutrition like Vitamin A for measles, Vitamin C for tetanus, Vitamins D & zinc, elderberry and Echinacea for colds, cultural herbal remedies that will boost our natural immune system.

This resolution is government overreach, a promotion of a nefarious vaccine agenda and it undermines our parental rights and freedoms. Please DO NOT further these unhealthy educational efforts by advancing HCR173.

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 8:34:59 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sue	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School is for education not vaccination. Parents are not present and there is no informed consent . Also, herd immunity via "vaccines" is not possible and has been considered an outdated theory since the 1930s. We also now know more about the harmful and even deadly ingredients in "vaccines" such as aluminum, gmo, formaldehyde, mercury , msg and more .

Please do better. Please listen to the voice of the people . Please respect parents rights and authority to their own God given children . Please respect citizens rights to not have their hard earned taxpayer funds go to things now harming the most innocent. Please vote no .

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:01:21 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaili Swan	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am in strong support of the measure because people with disabilities need to be vaccinated before the school start and health and safety is always a top priority for individuals with or without intellectual disabilities please pass this bill thank you.

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 12:21:04 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Cordery	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I STRONGLY APPOSE HCR173!

This is another attempt to remove parental rights by bringing vaccine clinics to the school which will inhibit peer pressure for the kids. This is an absolute overreach of Government!

Have you asked yourself while reviewing this resolution.. Why are so many "Vaccine hesitant?" This seems obvious that they overplayed their hand...The government and big pharma coludding together during COVID woke the masses up to their agenda while witnessing family, friends and 1000's of people on social media posts either dropped dead or had adverse reactions from the "safe and effective" vaccine!

All this to say-Leave the kids alone! Let the parents make the health decisions for their own keiki!

Please use your freedom to do good not harm! Stop HCR173!

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 12:49:14 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dave Willweber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Please vote no on this bill for numerous reasons...

- there has not been enough independent, objective studies on vaccines and there are rising health issues within children that are alarming. Current studies are funded by those who would profit off of them or the studies are poorly administered.
- Parents, not schools or government, should be making informed decisions about vaccinations. Schools should focus on learning, real learning.
- the bill mentions developing a long term plan to counter vaccine hesitancy. That are solid reasons why their is hesitancy including misinformation, lies, vaccine adverse reactions, fraud, deception, forcing vaccines...some of these are in this bill.

Thank you for voting no to this bill. By voting no, you are saying yes to parental responsibility, health of children, better potential use of time for education, freedom.

Dave Willweber

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Submitted on: 3/31/2025 12:56:15 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Krista Vessell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE! Stop trying to infringe on INTRINSIC PARENTAL RIGHTS TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN. MDM (Medical Decision Making) is NO ONE'S BUSINESS except a patient, their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) if they are a minor, and the medical provider rendering services, and these decision belong IN HEALTHCARE CENTERS, NOT SCHOOLS.

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:17:06 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill. Do not use tax money to influence our children in school. Parents will make these choices at home. Stop government overreach in our healthcare. Do not pass this bill please

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:48:36 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois J Young	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HONORABLE CHAIR WOODSON AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS,

I urge you to Vote NO on this HCR.

My deepest concern in this recommendation is the obvious usurping of parental rights in concerning their childrens health. Young children are still formulating what is good for them and this medical decisions must be left with their parents. The push to indoctrinate our students on the "goodness" of a vaccine is what this agenda is. Again, this education must be between doctor and patient, not public school and student. Our medical professionals will convey to their patient the risks, side effects of the vaccine in which the patient will agree/disagree based on INFORMED CONSENT. Will the education committee present vaccines objectively? Will they communicate as to why vaccines are so controversial? I don't see why they should present fair and balanced information when the pharmaceutical companies are ready and willing to push their agenda which will line not only their pockets but the pockets of our state officials.

Vaccination "status" can drive a wedge between the unvaxed and the vaxed thereby causing unecesary division amongst students. We want to unify and educate our schools based on "freedom of choice" and informed consent.

Where there is a risk, there must be a choice.

Vaccines are purportedly safe yet why the hesitancy you ask? It's not about lack of finance, it's because ppl have done their research and also know of vaccine injuries either reported to VAERS or seen first hand experience with their own children or with friends.

I urge you to vote NO!!

Leave the vaccine decision and education with families.

Mahalo, Lois

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:52:48 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
April Lee	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Dear Honorable Representatives of the Committee on Education,

I am a grandmother, mother and have a pre-med Biology major. I have been very shocked and dismayed at the invasion into the sovereignty of the family unit by these actions. Parents need to be the authority for their children's health. Present to me a double-blind legitimate outside testing that has proven the vaccinations that have been given since the latter 90's are as effective as those given prior to that. So much changed within our Dept of Health & Human Services in the United States that we are less safe than many other countries around the world.

Please, I implore you as members of this committee dedicated to our youth, we have not needed you as much as we need your wise and careful governance as we need it now to fight forced vaccinations without parental consent and without allowing religious exemptions...

I have experienced a heart-wrenching situation in the last year. My good friend lost her 4 year old grandson in Dec, 2024 to an infant vaccination he received when he was 18 months old. He was paralyzed within 24 hours of receiving what they called a vaccine(?) and could not even shut his eyelids to sleep. He suffered greatly until his passing. When sharing this, another a local family stated their child died within 48 hours of getting his vaccination. We need to be sure we do not kill ONE CHILD by refusing this bill put forth by the govenor!!!

I am deeply indebted to you if you do not side with political pressure and vote your carefully considered 'DO NOT HARM' mandate of your position as our leaders,

April Lee, BA, CCIM, RB, WH7W, Healthcare.net

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Submitted on: 3/31/2025 1:58:37 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terrie Armbruster	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE HCR173!!!

"Target" schools with low vaccine rates=Discriminate against unvaxxed; trying to Override religious exemptions and Undermine Parental Rights/Consent

"Educate" about vaccines=Indoctrinate

Reduce vaccine hesitancy=medical bullying, pressure tactics, persuasive bribes....

STOP Relentless push to Discriminate, Indoctrinate & Vaccinate!!!

FOCUS on EDUCATE & GRADUATE!!!

VOTE NO to HCR173

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 2:12:45 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! People have a right to have a say on what goes into their bodies! We have a natural, built in immune system that can fight off diseases and viruses when coupled with good nutrition. These vaccines are being pushed by corporate drug dealers who are profiting heavily off of them! Say NO to this violation of bodily autonomy and human rights!

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 3:22:45 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blaine De Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HCR173. Similar bills were already opposed to and the people have spoken. To reword to try and continue to pass these bills are an insult.

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 3:31:11 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Miyata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to HCR 173.

It undermines the role of parengs in health decisions.

Focuses on schools with low rates -potentially discriminatory.

Raises concerns about date use and student autonomy.

Promotes conformity over personal medical choice.

Please vote NO. Mahalo for caring, Linda

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Submitted on: 3/31/2025 3:40:21 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doreen Morimoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it should be left to parental decision and not mandatory by the schools or health department.

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 3:55:10 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Thompson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Coming from a vaccinated damaged person, this bill is a total waste of time and money. Stop trying to poison our keiki. There is no liability on the vaccine manufactureres, no informed consent, and herd immunity is not feasible with vaccines. Dept of Health should spend time teaching about nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices if they are looking for something to improve health in the population.

Learn about the side effects of childhood vaccines before introducing such legislature that could damage more keiki. They introduce heavy metals that can cross the blood brain barrier, contain aborted fetal cells, and have introduced other viral loads to include SV40 that have had devistating side effects.

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC452549/>

"The discovery of the polyomavirus SV40, as well as its introduction as a pathogen into the human population, was tied to the development and worldwide distribution of early forms of the polio vaccine (13, 95, 111, 123). Inactivated (Salk) and early live attenuated (Sabin) forms of polio vaccines were inadvertently contaminated with SV40 (95, 97, 111). In addition, different adenovirus vaccines distributed to some U.S. military personnel from 1961 to 1965 also contained SV40 (64). The viral contamination occurred because these early vaccines were prepared in primary cultures of kidney cells derived from rhesus monkeys, which are often naturally infected with SV40 (13, 95, 111). Infectious SV40 survived the vaccine inactivation treatments, and conservative estimates indicate that up to 30 million people (children and adults) in the United States may have been exposed to live SV40 from 1955 through 1963 when administered potentially contaminated polio vaccines (95, 111). Millions of people worldwide were also potentially exposed to SV40 because contaminated polio vaccines were distributed and used in many countries (85, 123). These data led the Institute of Medicine to conclude that "the biological evidence is of moderate strength that SV40 exposure from the polio vaccine is related to SV40 infection in humans" (111)."

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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 173, H.D. 1
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY
EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND VACCINATION DRIVE EFFORTS AT SCHOOLS IN
HAWAII WITH VACCINATION RATES UNDER THIRTY PERCENT, BEGINNING AT
THE START OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

March 31, 2025

Aloha Chair Woodson and members of the House Committee on Education, my name is Jazelle Aolahiko, and I testify in opposition to HCR173.

This resolution promotes vaccination drives at Hawaii public, private, and charter schools. I oppose this resolution because it fails to fully address the risks associated with vaccinations, including adverse reactions such as neurological disorders and autoimmune diseases. Vaccination should remain a personal decision, respecting parental rights and the unique health needs of each child, as some may have medical conditions or personal reasons for not being vaccinated. Mandating vaccination outreach in schools could undermine trust in healthcare and government, particularly if it disregards the potential risks to children with specific health conditions or exemptions. Vaccines should not be treated as the sole solution to public health challenges, especially when other alternatives, such as strengthening natural immunity and focusing on better overall health education, can provide a more balanced approach.

For these reasons, I testify in opposition to HCR173. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 8:48:58 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mabelle Bastien	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose the vaccination of our children. Stop getting involved and poisoning our children. Every day there is more and more information about the vaccines doing more harm than good. Schools have no business mandating vaccination... They are supposed to educate our children, not poison them.

PLEASE VOTE NO!

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:08:42 PM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joy Chinen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

I stand opposed to this House Concurrent Resolution. Please, this should be a personal decision that parents can make for their children. This is NOT a resolution that should be mandated by government. A person's health is a personal thing. If a person with cancer decides that they do not want to take treatments, that should be up to them. No one should force them to take treatments. In the same way, I wouldn't want anyone forcing me to take a vaccine or treatment that I believe in not good for me. Please oppose this resolution. Some of you are parents and I would think you would feel the same way.

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 12:36:53 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rebekah Botello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators -

As a citizen, a voter, a mom, a pastor, and a community leader, I strongly OPPOSE HRC 173. It is NOT the role of government to steer parents choices for their children, and it is certainly unethical for The Department of Education to put pressure on the public to comply with the pressures of Big Pharma.

There are four main problems with HRC 173.

- 1) Parental Rights: Undermines the role of parents in health decisions and puts unethical pressure on parents and students
- 2) Targeting & Stigma: Focuses on schools with low rates-potentially discriminatory
- 3) Trust & Privacy: Raises concerns about data use & student autonomy. Medical records should be wholly private.
- 4) Mass Compliance Pressure: Promotes conformity over personal medical choice

I urge you to stay on the right side of this issue and VOTE NO ON HRC 173.

Mahalo -

Rebekah Botello

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 1:10:24 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I stand in strong opposition to this bill. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 4/1/2025 5:38:09 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruben Ongos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO GOVERNMENT SHOULD CHOOSE MY MEDICAL DECISION!!

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!!!

HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 6:28:46 AM
Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HCR173.

The parents are the one's to decide on what effective vaccines should be administered to their child/children. This was just struck down a few weeks ago and here it is again with a different title and number.

Coercement is what this is, which in short is slavery. Forcing one to do something that they are not openly willingly to do is against the law. An attempt to make it a "law" is even more so disgusting. This proposal needs to be struck down immediately

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 8:48:05 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradle Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit my testimony in opposition to HCR 173, which urges the Department of Health to undertake education, outreach, and vaccination drive efforts at schools in Hawaii with vaccination rates under thirty percent. While I appreciate the intent to improve public health, I have significant concerns regarding parental rights, targeting and stigma, trust and privacy, and the pressure for mass compliance.

Parental Rights: This measure risks undermining the autonomy of parents to make informed decisions about their children’s health. Mandating vaccination efforts in schools with low rates may inadvertently pressure families into compliance without fully considering their individual circumstances or beliefs.

Targeting and Stigma: By singling out schools with vaccination rates under thirty percent, the bill may inadvertently stigmatize these communities. This could lead to social division and discrimination against families who choose not to vaccinate, further alienating them from public health initiatives.

Trust and Privacy: The proposed outreach efforts may compromise trust between families and public health authorities. Parents may feel their privacy is being invaded if vaccination status data is used to target specific schools. Building trust requires transparency and voluntary participation, not perceived coercion.

Mass Compliance Pressure: The emphasis on achieving compliance may overshadow the importance of informed consent and individual choice. Public health campaigns should focus on education and dialogue rather than creating an environment where families feel compelled to conform under pressure.

I urge the committee to reconsider this measure and explore alternative approaches that respect parental rights, avoid stigmatization, and prioritize trust-building efforts.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 8:56:16 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislatures,

I stand in strong OPPOSITION of HCR173 HD1! I ask you to stop this Bill from proceeding.

The government should not have the ability to make decisions that are reserved for family members.

Respectfully,

Jason Kimura

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 9:05:27 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE HCR173

Leave the kids alone.

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Submitted on: 4/1/2025 9:14:54 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Claire Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern,

As a grandmother and grandaunt, I oppose HCR173 as I strongly believe that vaccinations have detrimental and long lasting effects in the human body.

I also believe that parents of children under the age of 19 have the authority to refuse vaccinations for their children for the above given reason.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Yamashiro

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Submitted on: 4/1/2025 9:24:17 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clardean Lehano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this evil bill HCR 173. You will not take away our freedom of choice.

Clardean Lehano

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 9:24:45 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anna Giunta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill or any bill relating to forced vaccination of any person, child or not. My body my choice. This is illegal and against our constitutional rights to have a medical intervention forced upon anyone. Stop it Now.

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 9:49:09 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James R Cabodol Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why is it so important to take away parental rights to vaccinate? It seems as if it's in your interest not the interest of the child's PARENTS and for those common sense reasons I oppose these bills

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HCR-173-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2025 10:27:46 AM

Testimony for EDN on 4/1/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Moku	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HCR173, HD1!!!!!!

God blessed my husband & I with the opportunity to take on the toughest job ever, becoming parents to four beautiful children. We love each one of them endlessly and we are their care takers, their protectors and their advocates. Our keiki are NOT & NO LONGER SHOULD BE the government branches, pharmaceutical corporations and/or department of educations science experiments!!

Thanks to the covid era and specifically the past five years, I've learned so much more about the medical, pharmaceutical, education institution & governments ties, lies, agendas & corruption.

This push of vaccine requirements on our keiki at this time by Gov. Green, just seems that it is being done in spite of the current change in administration, that he does not like or get along with. And that's no secret because the media continues to promote his side of the democratic states agenda.

Gov. Green is not taking into consideration WE the people's freedom of religion or choice to decide what is the best way to take care of MY children. Does Gov. Green and/or anyone from the voting committee here today know that at the age of 3, my oldest son was diagnosed with partial epilepsy after suffering from seizures shortly after receiving vaccine shots and had to be on seizure medication for the next 10 years of his life? Or how's about my daughter at the age of 18 months, suffering from immune thrombocytopenia

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after receiving her MMR vaccine and we had to experience 6 months of treatments at Kapiolani's cancer ward? Or how's about my other sons severe eczema, psoriasis & herpese breakouts, after receiving his 6 month check up vaccines? Of course noone here know about the struggles my 'Ohana lives with! Our pediatrician did not even tell me about the Vaers system at the time of all these incidents, nor was I instructed to submit side affects of the vaccines that we experienced.

But my husband, immediate 'Ohana & I do!! We regret falling into the trap of this the BIG pharma/medical corporations many years ago while being busy working parents, trying to survive. And I wish I could take back those doctors visits along with my keiki's vaccine

injuries!! God woke me up during the covid era and set me free, free to fight for my children & future grandchildren. Which is why I'm sharing my personal testimony & opinion.

I find it quite hilarious that these meetings relating to our children are being held specifically at the time that parents (the children's advocates!!) would be picking up their children from school. I would really love to be present in this meeting but instead I am taking care of my children and my responsibilities too.

BEFORE anyone continues to try to mandate up to 72-80 doses of chemical shots in our precious keiki, there needs to first be retraction of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act(NCVIA) of 1986, signed into law by the late US President Ronald Regan as part of a larger health bill on November 14, 1986. NCVIA's purpose was to eliminate the potential financial liability of vaccine manufacturers due to vaccine injury claims to ensure a stable market supply of vaccines, and to provide cost-effective arbitration for vaccine injury claims. Under the NCVIA, the national vaccine injury compensation program (NVICP) was created to provide a federal no-fault system for compensating vaccine-related injuries or death by establishing a claim procedure involving the US Federal court.

IT IS MINDBLOWING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO REQUIRE THE LITTLEST & MOST VULNURABLE HUMANS TO BE INJECTED WITH CHEMICALS THAT CLEARLY MAKE HUMANS SICKER THAN THEY SHOULD BE, THEN NOT BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE!! Clearly the medical & big pharma corporations have figured out loopholes to make extensive amounts of money off the backs of hard working, tax paying parents and their innocent children.

Once the medical/big pharma is accountable there needs to be drainage of the corrupt CDC, NIH & FDA department. Then there needs to be serious & extensive research of the effects of vaccines and their ties to autism, obesity, adhd, cancer in children in the United States. Until this happens, DO NOT mandate what should and should not be given to other people's children.

I find it extremely alarming that we're only hearing the side of Dr. Gov. Green but minimal media displayed from other medical people. I'd like to share one...

Dr. Jim Meehan, MD, "I will no longer vaccinate my children... ..because I am a well trained medical doctor and former medical journal editor that has studied the vaccine research and analyzed both sides of the evidence. ...because I know how to read the medical literature, recognize bias and discern characteristics of good and fraudulent research. ...because I know that too much of the science supporting vaccines is fraudulent drivel bought and paid for by the vaccine manufacturers themselves. ...because I understand the risks of vaccination as well as the benefits of my children and grandchildren encountering and overcoming the wild type diseases naturally. ...because I know that diseases like mumps, measles, and chickenpox aren't dangerous and untreatable diseases that justify the risk of injecting toxic ingredients into the tissues of my children. ...because I have seen the evidence of neurotoxicity from ingredients like aluminum, polysorbate 80, human DNA and cellular residues from the human cells lines upon which many of the live viruses are grown. ...because I've seen vaccine manufacturers like Merck promote what they knew was bad medicine for profit, kill 60,000 patients with Vioxx, and I have no

reason to believe that they wouldn't do the same thing with vaccines, especially when you consider they can't be sued when their vaccines maim or kill children. ...because I believe the vaccine industry has thoroughly corrupted the science and safety of vaccines. ...because I recognize the aggressive and unreasonable tactics of a multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical industry desperately working to maintain the illusion of vaccine safety, keep consumers consuming, grow their markets, and increase their profits. ...because I have met so many families whose children were stolen from them by the battery of vaccines administered at pediatric vaccine visits. ...because I believe the U.S. vaccination program has become a progressively dangerous assault on the health and lives of the children of America. ...because I am awake and aware, I will not vaccinate, nor will I remain silent as the pharmaceutical and medical industries pretend that vaccines are safe and effective..."

Sadly Dr. Meehan lost his battle to cancer last year and is no longer physically on this earth, but we can continue to learn from his legacy and help others such as the voting committee present in the room who support HCR173, HD1, to truly think about the agenda of Gov Green and HOW IT AFFECTS the lives of our children before voting!!

HCR-173-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shani Hough	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is ridiculous and needs to STOP immediately!

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Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to mandatory school vaccination policies. These two new bills are simply a revision of the previous bill we the people refused to accept. These mandates not only infringe upon parental rights and medical freedom but also disregard the well-documented risks and adverse reactions associated with vaccinations.

Data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), a federally operated database, records thousands of reports each year detailing severe reactions, including neurological disorders, seizures, and even deaths following vaccination. For instance, as of this writing, VAERS has paid settlements in excess of \$4 million dollars for cases of significant adverse events linked to childhood vaccines. Note that they highest amount they pay is \$250,000 per case. While proponents argue that these reactions are rare, the reality is they are NOT. These injuries can have lifelong consequences, yet families are often left without recourse.

Furthermore, requiring vaccinations for school attendance contradicts the principles of informed consent and bodily autonomy. Parents should have the absolute right to determine what medical interventions are appropriate for their children without coercion from the government or school policies. Medical decisions should be based on individual health conditions and risk factors, rather than a blanket policy that fails to account for unique circumstances.

In addition, numerous peer-reviewed studies have raised concerns about vaccine ingredients, long-term health effects, and the increasing number of required doses in childhood immunization schedules. There has been abundant research that shows links between vaccinations and autoimmune disorders, allergies, autism, and developmental issues, which warrant further investigation before imposing mandates on children.

As a concerned grandparent and advocate for medical choice, I urge you to reconsider any policies enforcing mandatory vaccinations for school children. Alternative measures such as informed consent, medical and philosophical exemptions, and robust parental education should be prioritized over mandates that violate fundamental rights. The people of Hawai'i have stated unequivocally, that we DO NOT want mandated vaccinations. Continue this push and you will see huge numbers of parents removing their children from public schools.

In case you have not noticed, the current federal administration is moving in the opposite direction of these mandates. Hawai'i will lose funding should the state continue to attempt to require vaccinations.

Therefore it would be wise to squash this bill and stop trying to mandate medical procedures.

Regards,

Laurie Langton