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**Testimony in SUPPORT of S.C.R. 24 / S.R. 21
SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S DECISION TO JOIN THE WEST COAST HEALTH ALLIANCE TO
GUIDE PUBLIC HEALTH DECISIONS**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

March 30, 2026, 1:02 pm, Room Number: 225

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None
- 2 **Department Position:** The Department **SUPPORTS** and appreciates this resolution.
- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Disease Outbreak Control Division provides the following
- 4 testimony on behalf of the Department.
- 5 Hawaii joined California, Oregon, and Washington to form the West Coast Health Alliance
- 6 (WCHA) to uphold integrity of effective public health strategies to protect the health of our
- 7 communities. Through this partnership, the WCHA will collaborate on the review of the best
- 8 available science and evidence to make unified recommendations that support safety, efficacy,
- 9 transparency, access, and trust. WCHA will also focus on the coordination of aligned messaging.
- 10 WCHA will:

- Work together to ensure the public has access to credible information
- Coordinate to reduce confusion and increase trust in public health
- Provide evidence-based position statements, policy recommendations and guidance
- Seek alignment with respected national professional organizations
- Share tools and best practices

To protect the health of our communities, the WCHA will work to ensure that our public health strategies are based on the best available science. We will independently pursue strategies shaped by our unique laws, geographies, histories, and peoples, using these shared principles as the foundations of our Alliance:

1. Health as a Right

We affirm that all members of our communities should have access to quality health care and information.

2. Science and Integrity

We are committed to leading with science and to grounding our policies and recommendations in rigorous research, clinical expertise, and decades of proven public health practice. We commit to reevaluating our recommendations as new data becomes available.

1 **3. Transparency and Trust**

2 Our communities deserve clear, transparent communication about health, rooted in
3 science. We will safeguard public trust through honesty, clarity, and accountability.

4 **4. Public Health Responsibility**

5 We recognize the responsibility entrusted to us to protect and promote the health of
6 the public. We will serve in a manner worthy of that trust, prioritizing prevention and
7 evidence-based care to save lives.

8 **5. Equity at Our Core**

9 We are committed to giving everyone in our communities the opportunity to attain their
10 highest level of health, and to eliminating barriers to evidence-based care especially for
11 disproportionately impacted or marginalized communities.

12 **6. Tribal Sovereignty**

13 We affirm and respect Tribal sovereignty, recognizing Tribes' authority over their health
14 services. We also acknowledge health disparities impacting Indigenous peoples.

15 **7. Coverage and Access**

16 We advocate for full coverage by payors of preventive services.

17 Thank you for your support of science, public health, and our communities, and for the
18 opportunity to testify.



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Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition

Hawai'i Public Health Training Hui

Healthy Eating + Active Living

Kūpuna Collective/Healthy Aging &
Community Living

Public Health Workforce Development

Date: March 28, 2026

To: Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Energy & Intergovernmental Affairs

Re: Support for SCR 24/SR 21, Supporting The Governor's Decision To Join The
West Coast Health Alliance To Guide Public Health Decisions

Hrg: March 30, 2026, 1:02 PM, Conference Room 225

Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI)¹ is in **support of SCR 24/SR 21**, which supports the Governor's decision to join the West Coast Health Alliance to guide public health decisions.

Regional public health collaboration is increasingly important as states respond to emerging health threats, workforce shortages, climate-related health impacts, and misinformation related to vaccines and public health policy. Interstate public health alliances allow states to share data, coordinate emergency preparedness and response, and develop consistent public health guidance to improve public health systems and enhance health outcomes.²

Interstate Planning

Hawai'i's participation in the West Coast Health Alliance (WHCA) comes at a time when many public health professionals and medical organizations have expressed concern that federal public health decision-making has, at times, moved away from established scientific consensus and evidence-based medical practice. Regional alliances such as the WHCA were formed in part to ensure that public health guidance remains rooted in scientific evidence and clinical expertise, and to allow participating states to coordinate science-based public health policy.³

Public health challenges do not stop at state borders. Infectious disease outbreaks, social health determinants, and supply chain disruptions affect multiple states simultaneously. Regional collaboration allows states to share

¹ Hawai'i Public Health Institute's mission is to advance health and wellness for the people and islands of Hawai'i. We do this through expanding our understanding of what creates health of people and place, fostering partnerships, and cultivating programs to improve policies, systems, and the environments where people live, learn, work, age, and play.

² [West Coast States Form Alliance to Provide Public Health Recommendations](#), Pearl Steinzor, American Journal of Managed Care, 2025.

³ [States Are Forming Public Health Alliances](#), Citizens Research Council of Michigan, 2025.



expertise and best practices, improving efficiency and strengthening interstate response capabilities. Research shows that public health partnerships and data-sharing collaborations improve population health outcomes and allow states to implement more effective public health strategies using collective analysis of real-time health and wellness trends.⁴

Coordinating Health Resources

Participation in a regional alliance is particularly beneficial for Hawai'i due to the state's geographic isolation and limited in-state research infrastructure compared to larger mainland states. Collaboration with West Coast states provides access to additional public health expertise, research capacity, policy development resources, and coordinated planning that strengthens Hawai'i's ability to respond to future emergencies and emerging health threats.⁵

Regional alliances also help provide consistent public health messaging across states, which is critical for maintaining public trust in vaccines and health guidance. Consistent communication improves compliance with public health recommendations and helps counter confusion resulting from misinformation, which has become an increasing public health challenge nationwide.

Conclusion

For these reasons, joining the West Coast Health Alliance will strengthen Hawai'i's public health infrastructure, support science-based decision-making, improve emergency preparedness, and advance collaboration with other states facing similar public health challenges.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge the legislature to adopt this resolution.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris Coffield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kris" and last name "Coffield" clearly legible.

Kris Coffield
Policy and Advocacy Associate

⁴ [States Can Use Data-Driven Partnerships to Improve People's Health](#), Pew Charitable Trusts, 2024.

⁵ ["The power of partnerships: state public health department multisector collaborations,"](#) Tsai E., et al., Health Research Policy and Systems, 2022.

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:21:41 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanna Wheeler	Testifying for Fathers and Mothers for Children Kauai	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

The federal CDC vaccine schedule is a recommendation, not a law. The moment any state treats it as a mandate imposed on children without meaningful parental consent, it crosses a line no government in a free society should cross. Hawaii must not be complicit in that overreach.

Parents are not bystanders in their children's health. The relationship between a parent and child is the most fundamental bond in a free society. No federal agency, however credentialed, has the standing to override a mother's or father's informed judgment about what is injected into their child's body. The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment explicitly protects the fundamental liberty interest of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and healthcare of their minor children. [LegiScan](#) That protection does not evaporate when a federal committee issues a schedule.

The federal government itself has already acknowledged this. In September 2025, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to move COVID-19 vaccination to a shared clinical decision-making framework, explicitly affirming that parents should be involved in deciding whether a child receives a shot. [Children's Health Defense](#) This is not a fringe position. It is the federal government's own recognition that blanket mandates are medically and ethically inappropriate for every child in every family.

In January 2026, HHS moved six additional vaccines out of the universally recommended category and into shared decision-making. [Children's Health Defense](#) The tide has turned at the federal level toward informed consent. Hawaii should be leading that wave, not resisting it.

The schedule itself is not beyond scrutiny. Changes to the most recently released recommended immunization schedule were not based on new vaccine safety or effectiveness data. They were based on a comparison of the number of routine vaccinations recommended in the United States versus select other countries. [Hawaii State Department of Health](#) If the schedule shifts based on international comparisons rather than new safety data, then the schedule is a policy instrument, not sacred science. Policy instruments are subject to debate, scrutiny, and parental input.

The MAHA Commission identified the childhood vaccine schedule itself as one of several factors warranting serious examination in the context of rising rates of childhood chronic disease.

[Children's Health Defense](#) These are federal findings, not the words of fringe activists. They deserve honest engagement from every elected official who claims to put Hawaii's keiki first.

HHS Secretary Kennedy stated plainly that providers and governments cannot sideline parents, and that when parental consent is ignored or exemptions are violated, the federal government will act decisively. [HHS.gov](#) Hawaii should be aligned with that principle, not fighting against it.

We are not livestock. We are not a uniform population with identical health profiles, identical immune systems, or identical spiritual convictions. A one-size-fits-all mandate is not medicine. It is compliance theater dressed in the language of public health. [Children's Health Defense](#) Hawaii's families deserve better. Hawaii's children deserve better.

Vote to protect parental rights. Honor informed consent. Trust the families of this state to make wise decisions for their own children, in partnership with their own doctors, guided by their own faith and values.

Mahalo.

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:08:59 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret Mejia	Testifying for Hawai'i Christian Coalition	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Wakai and Members of the Senate Health & Human Services and Energy & Intergovernmental Committees,

Hawai'i Christian Coalition is OPPOSED to SCR24 & SR21 relating to the Governor's Decision to Join the West Coast Health Alliance to Guide Public Health Decisions.

First of all, we don't need the government to guide us in any of our individual health decisions. We believe in bodily autonomy and medical freedom.

Second, we, at Hawai'i Christian Coalition would like to point out that the so-called "science" that Governor Josh Green is promoting is not real science.

Governor Green said that vaccines are safe and effective. He said that masks work and that we should use so-called "social distancing of 6 feet apart." None of these things can be proven scientifically to work. As a matter of fact, the opposite is true science.

On September 23, 2025, Governor Green made the following statement, "...COVID-19 is still with us and vaccines remain one of our most powerful tools to prevent severe illness and avoid hospitalizations..." This is not a true statement, and real science does not back up this claim.

When in fact, we have scientific data and medical journal reviews that state the opposite:

Most people of Hawai'i say that Governor Green made an absolute fool of himself when he testified at the *U.S. Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations* on May 21, 2025 in Washington D.C.. If you watch the entire video, you can clearly see who is telling the facts backed up by real data and who is not.

Lastly and most important, during the last Legislative Session, you heard the Voice of the People where over 2,000 people testified against HB1118, because they want to choose themselves whether to vaccinate or not to vaccinate themselves and their keiki. It should be the people's choice!

Sincerely,

Margaret Mejia

Hawai'i Christian Coalition

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:43:34 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roger Christie	Testifying for The Hawai'i Cannabis THC Ministry	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Dear people, aloha!

I was trained and graduated as an Intelligence Analyst by the U.S. Army in 1971. I abruptly STOPPED my service and refused further orders when I discovered that a new generation of weapons was to be Synthetic Biological Agents and hidden in vaccines. I sued the Army pro se on moral grounds and won an Honorable Discharge. The U.S. government project was called MK:NAOMI and became (as far as I know) the A.I.D.S. "virus", an "ethnic specific biological weapon".

I believe the "gain of function" injectable weapon technique was used to create COVID-19 and scare people through Operation Lockstep into takiing the mRNA 'shots' . There is NO informed consent possible for these medical countermeasures / weapons and must be examined and STOPPED immediately.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SCR24 and SR21 (!).

May unexpected blessings and love come to everyone and from everyone right now.

Thank you.

Roger Christie

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:09:24 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Hunt	Testifying for Aloha CONservative Alliance	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SCR 24 and SCR 21

These resolutions attempt to frame “alliances” in a manner that is misleading and constitutionally inappropriate. Alliances and treaties are instruments reserved for sovereign nations—not individual U.S. states. Under the U.S. Constitution, states are explicitly prohibited from entering into treaties, alliances, or confederations with foreign powers.

While these measures may be styled as cooperative efforts, their structure and intent resemble agreements that exceed the lawful authority of a state.

Additionally, no state action—whether by statute, resolution, or informal agreement—can override or diminish the protections guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Any effort, direct or indirect, that results in the erosion of constitutional rights is invalid, regardless of how it is framed.

For these reasons, SCR 24 and SCR 21 should be rejected.

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 4:54:04 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

100% OPPOSE SCR24 and SR21

I DO NOT support the Governor's decision to join the West Coast Health Alliance w/o first asking us, the constituents, if we wanted to join!

The collaboration & consensus of this Alliance on a recommended list of vaccines & their alleged safety, does Not mean the public will have more confidence in vaccines. Many are well aware of all the adverse reactions, serious injuries & deaths caused by Covid vaccines; & No longer blindly trust so-called "medical experts" that vaccines are "safe & effective"

If the American Academy of Pediatricians(AAP) is one of the "trusted" medical experts that this Alliance will use for guidance, Please Note that AAP is facing a RICO lawsuit for making fraudulent vaccine safety claims while receiving funding from Big Pharma(Pfizer, Moderna, Merck & Sanofi) and incentivizing pediatricians for high vaccine rates! The lawsuit details decades of malfeasance--harming numerous children & even 3 deaths for following AAP's recommendations. Last year, AAP called for an end to religious exemptions for children, and our Governor & Dept of Health tried to do the same!!

So, Trust is Not very high for our Governor regarding vaccines & health recommendations!!!

Respectfully ask you to Vote NO on SCR24 & SR21

Mahalo

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 10:18:17 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Miyata	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I respectfully oppose SCR24 and SR21.

Vaccines are not the most effective health tool against illness. There are many safer, more natural remedies that don't have damaging side effects.

Mahalo for voting NO on SCR24 and SR 21

Linda

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 8:37:06 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly appose SCR24.

I do not agree that Hawaii should align with the "west coast alliance" nor pass a bill into law with the ideology that promotes vaccines. This promotes a pro vaccine agenda that in my oppinion could lead to mandating vaccines. It also does not promote a healthy lifestyle wich leads to a healthy immune system that is God given, naturally.

I APPOSE SCR24!

March 29, 2026

To: Hawaii's Senate Health & Human Services and the Senate Energy & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

From: Cheryl Toyofuku (mother, grandmother, retired registered nurse, health advocate)

Relating to: Opposition to SCR24 and SR21 supporting the Governor's Decision to join the West Coast Health Alliance to Guide Public Health Decisions

Hearing scheduled for: Monday, March 30, 2026 at 1:02pm, Rm 225

I strongly oppose Governor Green's decision to join the West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA) that connects Hawaii to a partnership with the 3 other Democratic states of California, Washington and Oregon. Governor Green's statement that public health decisions should be grounded in science and not politics appears inconsistent as he is collaborating with these other Western state partners.

The governors of California, Oregon and Washington formed WCHA in response to the recommendations to decrease the amount of vaccines on the Childhood Vaccine schedule recommended by the federal CDC. Along with DOH Director Dr. Kenneth Fink, Governor Green and the governors of these other 3 states remain aligned and committed to "vaccines are among the most effective public health tool, protecting against serious illness and reducing community transmission and strain on the State's health care system."

This commitment to the vaccine agenda as "trusted science and collective responsibility to public health outcomes" is very questionable. It is not unwarranted skepticism that many in Hawaii and other states now have extreme grave concerns over the lack of safety and effectiveness of vaccines. Comprehensive research studies, clinical data and numerous testimonies of vaccine adverse reactions and deaths have revealed enough scientific evidence, understandably weakening public confidence in vaccines. Here are just two of the many resources sharing the dangers and toxicity of vaccine ingredients and reporting the vaccine adverse reactions to the ever-increasing vaccine schedule, "recommendations" and/or "mandates":

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-2O7egoNeA_ktiFEKvTQtUumdO962s8fhhgRVM_xv6o/edit?tab=t.0

<https://learntherisk.org/vaccines/studies/>

Lastly, "clear, evidence-based guidance and policies by trusted medical and scientific experts" must be scrutinized to clarify who these experts are. Over the years, it appears that educated and informed health consents to recommendations or required procedures to vaccinations are often not provided by our current state's health care system, organizations and "experts". Parents, grandparents, trusted ohana and our own health care providers are the trusted experts we prefer to depend on. We have since followed other helpful preventive services that have genuinely helped the people of Hawaii with health options that are more natural and non-toxic to build our God-given immune systems to fight illness.

Please do NOT support the Governor's decision to join WCHA and say "NO" to this alliance to guide public health decisions. Oppose SCR24 and SR21. Mahalo.

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 12:59:48 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reina Loughlin	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha chair, vice chair, and members of the committee.

I am in opposition of bill SCR24 and companion bill SR 21.

The governor's decision to join the West Coast health alliance is not fairly representing the will of the people of Hawaii. The concern is how it will impose on our medical freedom as it did during COVID-19, where public health decisions and mandates were made for us.

A grave concern is the recommendations of vaccinations, which studies have shown have harmful side effects.

Again, I oppose SCR24 and companion bill SR21.

mahalo.

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March 27, 2026

To: Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Health and Human Services

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs

**Testimony in Support of SCR 24/SR 21 SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S
DECISION TO JOIN THE WEST COAST HEALTH ALLIANCE TO GUIDE PUBLIC
HEALTH DECISIONS**

As a public health professional and community advocate, I strongly support SCR 24/SR 21 Supporting the Governor's Decision to Join the West Coast Health Alliance to Guide Public Health Decisions.

Public health policy should be based upon clear, evidence-based guidance and policies informed by trusted medical and scientific experts. The policies and guidance currently promoted by the federal administration do not meet this standard. The federal government is not a reliable, dependable, or accurate source of information about vaccines and other health issues and practices at this time.

To protect the health and well-being of the people of Hawaii, we must turn to other more credible sources. The West Coast Health Alliance is committed to promoting science-based, evidence-based practices and policies.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 8:53:08 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chairs San Buenaventura and Wakai, and Committee Members,

My name is Brett Kulbis, I'm a 26yr retired Navy Veteran, who took a solemn oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic, and that oath didn't expire when I retired. I live in Ewa Beach.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE both SCR-24 & SR-21.

I am deeply concerned whenever decision-making that affects our freedoms and daily lives is pushed farther away from the people and their elected representatives. These resolutions tie Hawaii's public health policy to a mainland regional bloc—the West Coast Health Alliance—made up of states with very different cultures and priorities from our own. I understand the importance of unity and cooperation, but I also know that command and accountability must be clear. Here, responsibility becomes blurred between the Alliance, and our own state officials.

Both resolutions repeatedly place ultimate trust in “scientific consensus,” “trusted medical and scientific experts,” and “national medical organizations” as the guiding authority for policy. As a veteran, I respect expertise, but I also know from experience that experts can be wrong, that conditions on the ground matter, and that blind obedience can have serious consequences. Over the past few years, and 2021 specifically, I've watched public health decisions from afar lead to mandates, restrictions, and loss of livelihoods, often with little room for questions or conscience. These resolutions do not acknowledge any of those hard lessons, nor do they build in safeguards to protect civil liberties if the Alliance recommends heavy-handed measures in the future.

The language of these resolutions emphasizes “collective responsibility,” “public confidence in vaccines,” and “health directives,” but says nothing about individual rights, religious freedom, or informed consent—values that many veterans fought to preserve. There is no assurance that Hawai'i will defend those rights if Alliance guidance conflicts with local values or with the conscience of our citizens, including those who served. Instead, by declaring that Hawai'i will follow “the most current guidance and scientific consensus from national medical organizations,” the Legislature risks giving a blank check to distant institutions that are not accountable to Hawaii's people.

Finally, as a veteran, I know that symbolic statements can set the tone for future action. These resolutions may not have the force of law, but they express the Legislature's official position and

can be used later to justify mandates or restrictions based on Alliance recommendations. If Hawai'i is to engage in regional cooperation, it should be done through carefully crafted laws that include clear limits, transparency, and protections for constitutional freedoms—not through broad endorsements that place outside alliances and national organizations at the center of our public health decisions.

For these reasons, from my veteran's perspective, I respectfully urge you to defer indefinitely SR-21 and SCR-24. Hawai'i can respect science, support voluntary vaccination, and collaborate with other states while still keeping ultimate authority, accountability, and the protection of our freedoms here at home.

Mahalo,

Brett Kulbis
U.S. Navy Retired

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 10:01:54 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bad bill!

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 12:14:36 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Note that I strongly oppose this measure SR21 and SCR24. The idea of "GOVERNOR'S DECISION TO JOIN THE WEST COAST HEALTH ALLIANCE TO GUIDE PUBLIC HEALTH DECISIONS" which includes Oregon, Washington and California is frightening. I ask you to stop this measures from going any further.

Vaccines are and must remain a choice not a mandate! We do not need a repeat of Covid!

A very concerned Hawaii resident Rita Kama-Kimura

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 3:28:19 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carole Crist	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I repectfully request a vote of NO to join the West Coast Health Alliance. The vaccine program during the recent pandemic has been a failure. The mRNA vaccines did not stop transmission or the mutation of the virus, evident by the new highly mutated strain BA 32 (cicada). In addition, our freedom should have never been compromised as it was during that time. As a citizen, under the constitution of the the United States, I have a right to my own body autonomy. Please vote No.

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 5:48:20 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pamela Kantarova	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My husband and I do not agree that "vaccines are the most effective tool against illness." Hawaii should not join the West Coast Health Alliance but should instead make its own decisions about health. Good fresh food should be our focus with the state helping to get more farmers growing food.

Thank you.

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 7:08:36 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lucille N Lecker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I strongly oppose this bill. There is no evidence that vaccine will work. The word "this collaboration strengthens public confidence in vaccine" is not a true statement with evidence that vaccines are safe.

i oppose this bill SCR 24 & SR 21

Mahalo,

Lucille Lecker (Noe)

resident of Hāna , Maui

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 8:09:48 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Wallace	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose SCR24.The govenor is a paid puppet!!!He loves vaccines like the whole Health department including Hawaii even thou vaccines is a proven non factor.As a matter of fact proof it injures human beingd(Research Open Vaers)and kills um.Put them in jail,even fake Dr.Green,he a puppet!!!

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 9:59:59 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Chen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Andrew Chen, and I would like to **oppose** this resolution.

I greatly appreciate the strong commitment to protecting the health and safety of Hawaii residents, however I am concerned that the West Coast Health Alliance does not achieve that. While it does seem that vaccines are effective at preventing infectious disease, I'm very concerned that there is not enough scientific evidence to fully understand their safety and injuries and the vaccine schedule recommended by the West Coast Health Alliance does not take this into account.

As such, I **oppose** this resolution.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

Andrew Chen

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 7:32:10 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michdelle Melendez	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

People's health decisions are not the role of government. The proper role of government is to uphold and defend the Constitution.

Allowing Hawai'i to join the West Coast Health Alliance—an unelected governing body—undermines representative government and the principles this country was founded upon.

We must not allow unelected boards to make decisions that affect the lives and freedoms of the people. Authority without accountability is not representation.

OPPOSE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:20:39 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Meg Ganser	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This horrifying attempt to move all citizens into the forced chattel status of accepting mandatory vaccinations, especially paired with HRS 127A which states that the Governor alone may decide to enter private property, force vaccination at will and take property without due process, and may quarantine without due process- makes for a recipe for losing our rights, bodies, health and humanity in sweeping measures. I do not consent to this bill being heard, let alone passed. There was NO PUBLIC NOTICE for this because you all knew it would have garnered massive opposition!! HEWA

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:28:50 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Leon Mylenek Sr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Government's role is to protect the Constitution — not to dictate our personal health choices.

By joining the West Coast Health Alliance, we would surrender power to an unelected board and remove accountability from voters.

Unelected bodies must not be allowed to control the future of our communities. That is not self-government.

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:31:43 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please oppose this bill.

We are a local community, with local citizen involvement in our local government affairs, and wish to remain as such. The west coast has many problems not seen here in Hawaii.

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:32:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sandi O'Shaughnessy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Hawaii Law Makers,

I am writing in opposition to SCR24, Hawaii joining the West Coast Health Alliance. It is not up to Politicians to make health decisions for the people of Hawaii, particularly when it comes to vaccines. We have all personally experienced health declines in loved ones of all ages following the COVID vaccines, from strokes to heart issues such as myocarditis. We should not be ruled by big pharma's next "cure" for illnesses that our bodies can fight on their own. Additionally, our children are getting sicker and sicker as the number of vaccines on the schedule grow. Why should a newborn child be vaccinated for sexually transmitted diseases such as hepatitis? This is just crazy! I'm sure that the state senators and house members recieved only a fraction of todays recommended vaccines and they seem to be healthy, not suffering from the illnesses and diseases these vaccines are said to cure. The citizens of Hawaii are kind and obiding people, but they should not be lead to unnecessary illness because the Governor decides they need these treatments, when it should be thier decisions to make. Talk about a KING! The Governor of Hawaii has given himself far too many powers while the people sit quietly back and watch their homes burn and flood and their loved ones get sick from endless pharmacueticals. I strongly oppose this bill and any of it's kind. Let our people be free to decide what is best for them.

Thank you very much for allowing my testimony.

Sandi O'Shaughnessy

Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:34:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabrielle Pacheco	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am firmly opposed to Bill SCR24 and Bill SR21. Hawai'i's people elect leaders to make decisions that affect our lives. Taking that power from our ELECTED officials and giving it over to the West Coast Health Alliance is a direct threat to our democracy.

Our elected officials can research ways to handle health situations without having to join hands with people who aren't even from here, don't know our culture, and weren't elected to represent us!

Another thing, government is in place to defend the Constitution, not oversee our individual health choices.

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:35:52 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marianna Kovalev	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose testimony SCR24

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:36:28 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ole winther	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose bills

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:41:56 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Myles Saputo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose. All decisions by elected officials and personal choice

mahalo Nui loa

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:45:37 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marybeth Weber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose SR21 and SR24!! My health decisions are my own, not some health alliance. Do not join this alliance that will take the power for health decision from the people and give it to unelected officials! YOU are an elected official and you will have not any say. Stop the sneaking around behind the back of Hawaii's citizens. I'm concerned about losing local control for our health.

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:45:57 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greggory Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee/Officials,

I respectfully **OPPOSE** participation in the West Coast Health Alliance.

The government's role is to uphold and defend constitutional principles—not to centralize control over personal health decisions.

Joining this alliance would shift authority to an unelected board, reducing transparency and removing direct accountability to the people.

Decisions that impact our communities should remain with representatives who are accountable to those they serve.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Greggory Hammond

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:49:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ROBERT DUERR	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Oppose SR21 and SR24 for Hawaii to join the West Coast Health Alliance. Governor Green as a doctor should make recommendations to his patients. Agencies outside of Hawaii should not dictate what doctors and patients in Hawaii should do. This bill reduces local accountability. Some of Green's health mandates that he wants to prescribe are exempt from legal repercussions if they do harm. Dr. Josh Green and the State of Hawaii need to be willing to accept the legal respooonsibilty for harm done by the Alliance or laws that he is proposing.

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:51:12 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nana-Honua Manuel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose joining the West Coast Health Care Alliance. Hawaii should not give up any of its decision making authority to an unelected & unaccountable board on the continent. Mandating health care is absolutely unconstitutional and should never have happened in Hawaii or elsewhere. Governor Green has ruled Hawaii by mandate since he took office. You folks in the legislature have failed to take back your legislative authority from him all these years. Please recall your job description and oath to serve your people & constitution.

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:53:21 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amara Karuna	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE

Government exists to defend the Constitution—not to control personal health decisions.

Joining the West Coast Health Alliance hands power to an unelected board, removing accountability from the people.

We must not allow unelected bodies to decide the fate of our communities. That is not representation. amara Karuna

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 8:56:13 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adele Henkel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I choose to preserve our established constitutional structure of (self) governance. ...no technocracy, no merger of corporate-industry into a global government. Gov. Green is dissolving our constitutionally based government--our personal and state sovereignty--and the citizens ARE NOT asking him to! If he's disinterested in the job he was hired by the public to do, he should step down and try selling his one-world-government technocracy scheme to the public on his own.

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:00:41 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chandra Fulton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Chandra Fulton oppose Bill SCR24 and SR21.

We need to keep the decision making local for the local people.

Government exists to defend the Constitution—not to control personal health decisions.

Joining the West Coast Health Alliance hands power to an unelected board, removing accountability from the people.

We must not allow unelected bodies to decide the fate of our communities. That is not representation.

Sincerely,

Chandra Fulton

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:07:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katy Hensley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Citizens must retain the right to choose what is best for their health and well being. Handing health authority over to an unelected board through the west coast health alliance is a slippery slope of us losing our health freedom. You were elected to represent the people and being a part of the west coast health alliance would directly impact your ability to represent us. Please do the right thing and oppose these measures. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:10:28 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ron Dias	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Ron Dias adamantly opposes this legislation. It is unconstitutional! We need to retain our personal liberty and autonomy and not have anyone else telling us what we have to put in our bodies!

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:10:58 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Holwell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to oppose joining the West Coast health alliance. This alliance was created in response to the federal government removing some vaccines from the recommend schedule. One of these shots was the Covid shot, which was being forced on our children as a requirement to attend school.

It is totally unnecessary to give children Covid shots. They almost always have a mild case of Covid. But the shot can cause permanent heart damage and other problems for these children. It is stupid to mandate Covid shots for anyone, especially for children.

The only reason the Covid shots were put on the vaccine schedule was to give legal immunity to the vaccine makers.

it was never about protecting children. It was about protecting the profits of companies like Pfizer.

Please do the right thing and stop this bill. Let the people of Hawaii make their own healthcare decisions. Put the people first, not the big corporations.

Thank you.

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:13:10 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Kelly	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Here's why this matters:

- **Unelected Control** – Decisions affecting our lives would be made by boards that are not elected by the people of Hawai‘i
- **Loss of Local Authority** – Policies could be influenced or set by regional entities outside of Hawai‘i, reducing local input and control
- **Reduced Accountability** – Unelected bodies are not directly answerable to voters, making it harder to challenge harmful decisions
- **Precedent for Expanded Power** – Once authority is handed over, it becomes easier for similar structures to expand into other areas of governance
- **Erosion of Representative Government** – Our system is built on elected officials representing the people—not outside entities making decisions for us

Government exists to serve the people and uphold the Constitution—not to transfer authority to unelected organizations.

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:15:20 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
AnnMarie Hamilton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

From: AnnMarie Hamilton

Affiliation: Concerned citizen / resident of Princeville Kauai, Hawai'i

Date:3/30/2026

Measure: SCR 24 – *Relating to Hawai'i's Participation in the West Coast Health Alliance*

Position: STRONG OPPOSITION

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee

I respectfully submit testimony in strong opposition to any measure endorsing or advancing Hawai'i's participation in the West Coast Health Alliance.

While regional cooperation can be beneficial when conducted transparently, this particular alliance risks binding Hawai'i's public-health decisions to out-of-state bureaucracies that do not reflect our unique geographical, cultural, or socioeconomic realities.

1. Hawai'i's Public Health Must Remain Locally Governed Hawai'i faces distinct challenges—volcanic emissions (vog), pesticide exposure, island-specific supply chains, and disparities in rural healthcare access—that require flexible, community-driven solutions. Modeling our health policy after large mainland states such as California and Oregon undermines our ability to respond independently.

- According to the Hawai'i DOH's own *State Health Improvement Plan*, success depends on “locally tailored community engagement” ([DOH SHIP 2023]([Joining an alliance effectively outsourcing this authority contradicts that principle.](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_health.hawaii.gov_ship_&d=DwIFaQ&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=A1g8wjBUqkwoB7iR4ovGEgNcWdVLxQ7_iiki9qabB2VRJKtwj6Koj5ohgmusAppg&m=Nb4-EqjSWTnUuXVoDzxPXIUGs9XRXR1qiKR954TNCmG53-DVIaFOb_NnQSAgDIMk&s=CZEKB46TbY5HdpRTS06-Y77APmKs0WmZGYSI2DBWXkQ&e=)”).</div><div data-bbox=)

2. Centralized Alliances Erode Transparency and Autonomy The West Coast states have adopted increasingly centralized public-health frameworks that limit independent medical discourse and community input. Aligning with these policies risks entangling Hawai‘i in ideologically driven health mandates crafted far from our islands.

- California’s Assembly Bill 2098 (2022) attempted to discipline physicians for medical “misinformation,” later challenged in federal court on First Amendment grounds ([Hoeg v. Newsom, 2023])([Hawai‘i must not replicate such overreach through regional alignment.](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_casetext.com_case_hoeg-2Dv-2Dnewsom&d=DwIFaQ&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_Cdp gnVfiiMM&r=A1g8wjBUqkwoB7iR4ovGEgNcWdVLxQ7_iiki9qabB2VRJKtwj6Koj5ohgmusAppg&m=Nb4-EqjSWTnUuXVoDzxPXIUGs9XRXR1qiKR954TNCmG53-DVIaFOb_NnQSAgDIMk&s=Ed0Or3NkNhWrIksGgqhDnT6RpQHLGjL1iWiRFBFGdRw&e=))).</div><div data-bbox=)

3. Public-Private Entanglement and Conflicts of Interest “Public health partnerships” of this nature often include unelected corporate or academic intermediaries that blur the line between public service and private agenda.

- The *National Academies of Medicine* (NAM) and key West Coast public health agencies receive substantial funding from pharmaceutical and technology corporations ([NAM Annual Report 2023])([Without clear safeguards, Hawai‘i risks importing those same conflicts and losing public trust.](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_nam.edu&d=DwIFaQ&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_Cdp gnVfiiMM&r=A1g8wjBUqkwoB7iR4ovGEgNcWdVLxQ7_iiki9qabB2VRJKtwj6Koj5ohgmusAppg&m=Nb4-EqjSWTnUuXVoDzxPXIUGs9XRXR1qiKR954TNCmG53-DVIaFOb_NnQSAgDIMk&s=SO09_knX7DHe14gmSuPAFQdIkIJAQqNlj2k1MNkEgj0&e=))).</div><div data-bbox=)

4. Preservation of Medical Freedom and Informed Consent States leading this alliance have enacted policies that restrict medical autonomy—including mandates, digital health credentialing, and social-media surveillance of health speech. The people of Hawai‘i deserve choice, transparency, and consent. not coercive alignment with politically charged frameworks elsewhere.

This view aligns with the fundamental right to bodily autonomy affirmed in Hawai‘i’s Constitution, *Article I, Section 6: Right to Privacy* ([Haw. Const. Art. I, §6])(

5. Safeguarding Hawai‘i’s Sovereignty and Values Our state’s health policy should be guided by pono (righteousness), aloha (compassion), and transparency—values that demand local control and open accountability. The West Coast Health Alliance, structured under mainland priorities and corporate influence, does not reflect those values or the will of our people.

Conclusion**

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Legislature to **reject SCR 24** and any proposal to integrate Hawai‘i into the West Coast Health Alliance.

Our state can collaborate with national partners through open data sharing and research without tethering our independence to health bureaucracies whose decisions have repeatedly undermined public confidence elsewhere.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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Key Supporting References

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:24:21 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bruce Douglas	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Please oppose SR21 and SCR24. Please be on the right side of history. More people are realizing that vaccines may not be as safe and effective as we have been told. Ten years ago, California eliminated their vaccine exemption for school kids, and California now has the highest autism rate in the world. Do we want that for Hawaii.

The West Coast Health Alliance is a front organization for the vaccine manufacturers. Its primary goal is to get our children as many vaccines as possible. This is not what a majority of Hawaii voters want. Please oppose SR21 and SCR24

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:25:37 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tara Gregory	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tara Malia Gregory, and I am a resident of Hawai‘i Kai and a candidate for public office. I respectfully submit testimony in opposition to this resolution.

While this measure is framed as a commitment to “science-based” and “evidence-driven” public health policy, it raises serious concerns regarding state sovereignty, transparency, and democratic accountability.

First, this resolution formally supports Hawai‘i’s alignment with the West Coast Health Alliance—a multi-state body that is not directly accountable to the people of Hawai‘i. While collaboration between states can be beneficial, this resolution does not clearly define the scope, limits, or oversight mechanisms governing this alliance. Public health decisions that affect the daily lives, bodily autonomy, and livelihoods of Hawai‘i residents should remain firmly grounded within Hawai‘i’s legislative and constitutional framework, not shaped by external regional agreements without clear checks and balances.

Second, the repeated emphasis on “scientific consensus” and “trusted expertise” is presented without acknowledging the importance of open debate, evolving science, and dissenting medical perspectives. True science is not static, it is strengthened through transparency, questioning, and ongoing evaluation. Policies that rely on centralized interpretations of science without space for scrutiny risk undermining public trust rather than strengthening it.

Third, Hawai‘i’s unique geography, culture, and population needs require localized decision-making. A regional alliance, even with good intentions, may promote broad, one-size-fits-all approaches that do not adequately reflect the realities of our communities, especially neighbor island disparities and resource limitations.

Finally, this resolution signals continued movement toward centralized public health authority, without sufficient safeguards to ensure that future decisions remain accountable to the people through their elected representatives. In light of recent years, where emergency powers and public health mandates significantly impacted residents’ freedoms and livelihoods, it is critical that the Legislature exercise caution before endorsing further consolidation of influence outside of Hawai‘i’s direct control.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this resolution and instead prioritize public health policies that are transparent, locally accountable, and grounded in both scientific rigor and open discourse.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully with Aloha,

Tara Malia

Hawai'i Kai, O'ahu

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:28:37 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie Stowell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SCR224 and SR21.

This proposal for Hawaii to join the West Coast Health Alliance would give power to an unelected board, not even here in Hawaii. This would remove personal health descions from the people and erode our local authority. Our system of government is built on elected officials representing the people, not outside entities making decisions for us.

Please oppose this proposal.

mahalo,

Julie Stowell

Laupahoehoe, Hawaii

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:29:28 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert O'Shaughnessy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear legislator,

I urge every one of you to take notice of a groundswell of resistance and opposition to SCR24, that I do not consent to being part of the West Coast Health Alliance, and this very fast process by which this bill has been introduced and is being heard is shameless. Hawaii legislators, you are all on notice: This bill, paired with other HRS and bills you continue to push, break constitutional laws, disregard human rights and continue to push Hawaii citizens into a dystopian, horrific future where loss of rights, life and health and property is the norm.

How dare any of you consider this bill and its subject?

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:30:23 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jakki Nelson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It does NOT keep the population more safe. It is a violation of my civil liberties. As a US citizen and resident of Hawaii, I have body autonomy. This is a power grab by Governor Green. Keep your laws off my body. I do not trust the greedy pharmaceutical companies or tyrannical Gov Green to act in best intrest of my health. NO no no no no to SCR24.

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:31:43 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
PATRICK BROWN	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose both SR21 and SCR 24 as I feel they can lead to infringement of civil liberties, including the right for individuals to make informed choices for themselves and their families concerning their personal healthcare.

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:40:12 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adriana E. Duerr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose the proposal that Hawaii join the West Coast Health Alliance. Decisions affecting the lives of Hawaiians should remain in Hawaii, not with some unelected entity outside of our representative government. Handing authority over sets a dangerous precedent for our governance. Health decisions should be the responsibility of individuals as prescribed by the Nuremberg Code, not by mandates and threats. Medical freedom is a human right and always should be. Please do not support this bill.

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:40:22 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Wilkinson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Government is designed to defend the Constitution—not to control personal health decisions.

Joining the West Coast Health Alliance would hand power to an unelected board, removing accountability from the people.

We must not allow unelected bodies to decide the fate of our communities. That is not representation.

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:42:54 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Skylar Mallas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. As a U.S. citizen and a resident of the State of Hawaii, I believe I have the right to full body autonomy. This legislation does not make the population safer, and I do not trust pharmaceutical companies driven by profit, nor Governor Josh Green, to act in the best interest of my health or the well-being of our community

Skylar mallas

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:46:24 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christiane Douglas	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Please oppose SR21 and SCR24. Please be on the right side of history. More people are realizing that vaccines may not be as safe and effective as we have been told. Ten years ago, California eliminated their vaccine exemption for school kids, and California now has the highest autism rate in the world. Do we want that for Hawaii.

The West Coast Health Alliance is a front organization for the vaccine manufacturers. Its primary goal is to get our children as many vaccines as possible. This is not what a majority of Hawaii voters want. Please oppose SR21 and SCR24

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:47:03 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Claudia Schimmer	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose the joining the west coast alliance. As an RN who was negatively affected by vaccinations and have studied the Science, I strongly feel personal CHOICE SHOULD BE HONORED

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:54:02 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roxann Morris	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please vote no for SCR 24 and SR 21. Both support mandatory vaccines for everyone. There are many religious reasons and personal care reasons why people do not want to take vaccines. The research is clear on the contents of vaccines, often harming people. Please do not join a group that supports mandatory vaccines. No kings. !

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:54:41 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tina Lia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This unlawful entity does not represent the will of the people.

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:54:45 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Füssle	Testifying for The Awakening Church	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

My name is Stephen and I am the lead pastor of The Awakening Church here in Maui, Hawaii. Our church and tens of thousands of Maui residence oppose Hawaii joining the West Coast health alliance. Joining this alliance would lead to stricter vaccine laws that would harm people of religious backgrounds who desire exemption from mandated vaccines. When the Covid vaccine was being pushed during the shutdowns, thousands spanning many political divides, whether they be democrat or republican, stood an opposition to the Covid vaccine mandates. We now have learned that many of the vaccines have been deemed to be harmful and we're not effective. We live in a country where we should still have certain freedoms, and this alliance, erodes such freedoms outlined in the constitution, in our case, the freedom of religion. One example would be that vaccines contain aborted fetal cells. This goes directly against our belief that human life is sacred. mRNA vaccines also change genetic codes which we believe should only be in the hands of God. We strongly oppose this alliance, and thank you for the opportunity to voice are deeply held convictions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Füssle

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:55:25 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:57:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Preeta Carlson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. We are not the west coast or California and shouldn't have to give our children this many vaccinations.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:57:49 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laretta Dubin	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Thank-you Chair Person and Committee.....I, Laretta Dubin RN have been an RN since 1975. I strongly OPPOSE SCR24 & SR21. Please Vote NO ! Allowing WEST COAST "Health Alliance" to guide the residents of Hawai'i's Public Health decisions is "No Bueno" ! Our Bodies are the Most Important INFRASTRUCTURE we have to steward. We have to know what we are putting into our body at ALL Times. Allowing a random person, such as a pharmacy tech, who does NOT know my Health History (or yours) to inject unknown substances into another human is Illegal. There is No Informed Consent happening. The people administering so called "vaccines" are not licensed, they are NOT trained in ACLS to handle any emergency arising from these "injections" which you say "are most effective health tool against illness". They have NOT been proven to be "Safe & Effective". Furthermore, there will be NO LIABILITY for anyone who gives these Unknown Substances to another human being. This is INSANITY ! What comes to mind is the song from the Rock Band "The Who" ~ "We Won't Get Fooled AGAIN".....Thank-you for reading this, Laretta Dubin RN, BSN

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:59:37 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yolanda St.Laurent	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is not pono! It is our God Given Right to choose what we put in our bodies. What happened in 2020 is a travesty to see how our kids/ grandkids and pregnant women as well as the elderly were negatively impacted by mandatory vaccination for covid that was never tetsted properly. A decision like this should be made by allowing the citizens of Hawaii to vote on the topic itself. The proposal should be clearly worded as to what a yes or no vote actually mean and not be included or combined with any other topic. Respectfully submitted by Yolanda St. Laurent

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:01:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Holm	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Strongly oppose for multitudinous reasons including:

Best friend who's baby died the night after receiving a vaccine.

I experienced 4 severe life threatening anaphylactic reactions as a child because my mother was forced to make me take vaccines.

I've read over 120 books written by doctors practicing in the field experiencing genuine harms!

As a quality test engineer, there are many engineering failures to vaccines.

Aloha Blessings,

Larry Holm

808-264-6081



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
SCR 24/SCR 21 Relating to Supporting the Governor's Decision to Join the West Coast Health
Alliance to Guide Public Health Decisions
March 30, 2026, at 1:02 PM, State Capitol CR 225 and Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to SCR 24/SCR21.

While we support a Healthy Hawaii, we believe in our God-given rights to determine our healthcare practices without government intervention.

There is no need to partner with our states in determining public health policies.

The U.S. Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution should be the Legislature's framework in developing policies.

Please vote NO on SCR24/SCR 21.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Detwiler, President, Hawaiian Islands Republican Women

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:12:15 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Hickman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Brandon Hickman oppose SCR24, Hawaii residents need sovereignty from unelected bureaucrats from states who have made horrible decisions in their own states, bankrupted financially and ethically. From everything we have learned about the damage the vaccines have caused, we don't need to join states that continue to fail the people, look at Lahaina and the North Shore response, we need to work and fix our own home and let the communist West Coast Health Alliance end before it begins. Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:18:16 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. People don't want the government dictating their health needs. This is an abuse of power. Vote NO on this tyrannical bill.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:21:15 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Meadows	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:24:49 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Jana Bogs	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Government exists to defend the Constitution—not to control personal health decisions.

Joining the West Coast Health Alliance hands power to an unelected board, removing accountability from the people.

We must not allow unelected bodies to decide the fate of our communities. That is not representation.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:31:47 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bonnie Marsh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a physician I am in opposition to this for it takes away the rights of parents and the general public to decide on personal health issues.

Our Constitution affords us health freedom and not to be under medical tyranny by any governing body.

Please honor each citizens right to health freedom and not be influenced by the Pharmaceutical companies that work so hard to take this from us.

I hope you do the right thing by voting no to this medical takeover.

Mahalo,

Dr. Bonnie Marsh

Haiku Town, Hawaii

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:38:24 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
D M Cheney	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose joining this alliance! I vote NO!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 10:52:01 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorraine Hinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha my name is Lorraine Hinaga

and I oppose these measures. I don't believe the government should be involved in these decisions. Please vote no.

Mahalo!

Lorraine

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Aloha, Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I write to you in strong opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 24 (SCR24). While presented as a cooperative public health measure, this resolution raises serious constitutional concerns that cannot be overlooked.

At its core, SCR24 endorses alignment with a multi-state alliance that could influence Hawaii's policies beyond the direct control of its people and their elected representatives. This risks undermining the fundamental principle of self-governance guaranteed by the Constitution. Decisions that affect the rights, freedoms, and well-being of Hawaii's residents must remain firmly in the hands of those directly accountable to them—not shaped by external agreements or unelected bodies.

Our Constitution is not a suggestion—it is the supreme law that protects individual liberty and limits government overreach. Any action that blurs those boundaries, even indirectly, sets a dangerous precedent. Once authority begins to shift away from constitutional safeguards, it becomes far too easy for the rights of citizens to be diminished without proper recourse.

I do not consent to being part of the West Coast Health Alliance. The very fast process by which this bill has been introduced and is being heard is not correct.

I urge you to reject SCR24 and reaffirm your commitment to upholding constitutional protections, state sovereignty, and the voices of the people of Hawaii. The responsibility entrusted to you is profound—please ensure it is exercised within the clear bounds of the Constitution.

Please, for the protection of our God given rights & freedoms, reject this bill.

Respectfully,
Tashina Lane

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:00:50 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Kamau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SR21 and SCR24. Government exists to defend the constitution not to control personal health decisions. Joining the West Coast Health Alliance hands power to an unelected board, removing accountability from the people. We must not allow unelected bodies to decide the fate of our communities. That is not representation. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:03:52 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalei Kailikini	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Absolutely OPPOSE SCR24 & SR21 the freedom to choose healthcare for me & Hawaii families should NOT be decided by California, Washington & Oregon electives or residents!! This is absolutely unacceptable!! Health should be decided by me, "my body, my choice". The CDC has proven to be the worst agency deciding on children's vaccinations & schedules. The CDC caused many injuries & deaths during COVID-19. Research the national statistics & news articles. The Hawaii's State Legislators can easily access statistics & articles for the last 50 yrs. on the injuries & deaths attributed to children's vaccinations. The COVID-19 debacle with injuries & deaths should teach you NOT to sign on to a group of decision makers e.g. West Coast Alliance. Since, Governor Green is a medical doctor, I am shock that he does not know what myself & millions of US citizens know. When elected representatives target our children's health, we citizens will target your re-elections. Hawaii residents are not stupid, not lazy & should decide what is best for our health. Do not allow any state, California, Washington, Oregon to tell Hawaii residents what to do for their health & wellness. If our elected representatives do not believe their constituents are intelligent, caring & responsible than residents should NOT elect any of you that support these Resolutions.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:04:02 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
SHEENA DEMELLO	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a tax payer I strongly oppose SCR24. I would prefer not to be lumped into the west coast alliance. Hawaii is unique, the people and problems we face are unique to us and we want freedom, autonomy and accountability for ourselves and those in government. Which, we are lacking already as is. So, no thanks.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:09:37 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arien Reed	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I absolutely oppose SCR24 and SR21. The West Coast Health Alliance is pushing agendas that infringe on bodily autonomy and personal medical choice and it is unethical to use this governing body as the source of guidelines for our unique island community. Gov. Green has shown us time and again that he is acting in his own political self interest, not the interest of the people, and this must be stopped!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:11:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Tancayo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in opposition of SCR 24

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:16:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erman Tancayo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY Oppose SCR24!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:17:25 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Senator Sanbuenaventura, Senator Wakai and Members of the Senate Health & Human Services and Energy & Intergovernmental Committees,

Please see my testimony below in OPPOSITION of SCR24 & SR21 relating to the Governor's Decision to Join the West Coast Health Alliance to Guide Public Health Decisions.

1. strongly oppose Governor Green's decision to join the West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA) that connects Hawaii to a partnership with the 3 other Democratic states of California, Washington and Oregon. Governor Green's statement that public health decisions should be grounded in science and not politics appears inconsistent as he is collaborating with these other Western state partners.

The governors of California, Oregon and Washington formed WCHA in response to the recommendations to decrease the amount of vaccines on the Childhood Vaccine schedule recommended by the federal CDC. Along with DOH Director Dr. Kenneth Fink, Governor Green and the governors of these other 3 states remain aligned and committed to "vaccines are among the most effective public health tool, protecting against serious illness and reducing community transmission and strain on the State's health care system."

This commitment to the vaccine agenda as "trusted science and collective responsibility to public health outcomes" is very questionable. It is not unwarranted skepticism that many in Hawaii and other states now have extreme grave concerns over the lack of safety and effectiveness of vaccines. Comprehensive research studies, clinical data and numerous testimonies of vaccine adverse reactions and deaths have revealed enough scientific evidence, understandably weakening public confidence in vaccines. Here are just two of the

many resources sharing the dangers and toxicity of vaccine ingredients and reporting the vaccine adverse reactions to the ever-increasing vaccine schedule, “recommendations” and/or “mandates”:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:21:02 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan Andrion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Dylan Andrion, and I am writing in opposition to SCR24 and SR21.

While I support efforts to improve public health outcomes in Hawaii, I have serious concerns about these resolutions endorsing Hawaii's participation in the West Coast Health Alliance (WHA).

First, these resolutions appear to give broad support to an external, multi-state alliance that may influence Hawaii's public health decisions without sufficient local accountability. Public health policy should remain responsive to the unique needs, values, and voices of Hawaii's residents—not shaped primarily by regional partnerships that may not fully reflect our communities.

Second, the language in the resolutions promotes a one-dimensional approach to healthcare by emphasizing vaccines as “the most effective health tool against illness” and asserting that this collaboration will “strengthen public confidence in vaccines.” While vaccines can play an important role in public health, reducing complex health decisions to a single solution risks overlooking other critical factors such as individual medical circumstances, informed consent, and the importance of open scientific dialogue.

Public trust is not built through endorsements or declarations—it is built through transparency, accountability, and respect for individual choice. Policies that appear to predetermine conclusions rather than encourage balanced discussion may have the opposite effect and erode confidence.

Finally, I am concerned that formal alignment with the WHA could pave the way for future policy decisions that are less transparent to the public and more difficult for local stakeholders to influence.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to OPPOSE SCR24 and SR21.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**TESTIMONY OF FELICIA COWDEN
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**SCR 24, SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S DECISION TO JOIN THE WEST
COAST HEALTH ALLIANCE TO GUIDE PUBLIC HEALTH DECISIONS.
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committees:

RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF SCR 24

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **OPPOSITION** of SCR 24, Relating to Non-Medical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council and the Public Safety & Human Services Committee Chair.

SCR 24 is of broad concern to a number of parents in the County of Kaua'i as it infringes on personal freedoms, parental rights, and religious liberties. Medical decisions, including vaccination, should remain a matter of personal choice, guided by informed consent with a medical provider. Eliminating non-medical exemptions would force individuals to undergo medical procedures against their deeply held religious beliefs, personal convictions or possibly their best health interests. This is a concerning overreach of government authority.

Nationally, there are numerous legal cases both decided and underway that are favoring parents' rights in the Federal court system, notably *Amanda Bosarge v. Daniel Edney* (2023) in Mississippi; *Miranda Guzman v. West Virginia Board of Education* (2025) in West Virginia; and *Miller v. McDonald* in which the U.S. Supreme Court remanded the lower court decision back to the 2nd Circuit Court for reconsideration to support the Amish families against the State of New York. Attorney Aaron Siri with Informed Consent Action Network represented the families in all the above cases and is positioned to represent Hawai'i in a similar action since HB 1118 introduced during the last legislative session.

Currently, Hawai'i is among forty-five (45) states which explicitly grant religious or philosophical non-medical exemptions and should remain so. The material that follows largely highlights the medical considerations and how the long-held presumptive science is not so settled.

The evidence and awareness for holding balance in a child's health decisions for preventing infectious diseases have expanded in many ways, broadening the science to include consideration of rare, but sometimes serious, difficult outcomes as a result of a vigorous vaccination program on a vulnerable child. The post-licensure

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adverse reactions listed in item six (6) in any of the FDA vaccine package inserts list numerous conditions that are chronic in Hawai'i's youth. Parental and medical evaluation of a unique child's health must also be balanced with the absence of any study of the cumulative impacts of the full schedule of childhood vaccines as a collective. Hawai'i's children are experiencing an increase in chronic disease, and collectively addressing all health concerns is paramount.

The economic burden of all chronic illnesses in Hawaii is immense, with projections showing costs potentially reaching \$9 billion in direct medical expenses and \$3.2 billion in lost productivity annually by 2030. Recent Federal court cases have been won, regarding First Amendment parental rights, with analysis included in the case law indicating that there is no evidence that the vaccines have been safety studied for many of the serious adverse reactions listed in items 4, 5, 6, and 13.1 of the FDA vaccine inserts. It is also evident in the package inserts that the pre-licensing cohorts in the studies are underpowered with a small cohort of children, often older than the age of the recommended doses, and observed only for four (4) days, sometimes up to six (6) weeks, post-vaccination. This is insufficient time to identify a developmental impact that typically surfaces in preschool or elementary school.

Importantly, the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) given to parents at well-baby checkups focuses on why the vaccine is needed and the stated common side effects do not list the serious adverse reactions described in the Vaccine Package Insert; thus the parent is never truly given informed consent. Enclosed is an example of the difference between the VIS given to the parent and the Vaccine Package Insert for the Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine, which is the FDA's mandated manufacturer's legal documentation for providers. For simplicity, the parent learns that the risked vaccine reaction is "soreness where the shot is given, fever, headaches and fatigue can happen after the hepatitis B vaccination," whereas the Vaccine Package Insert that is notably not given to the parent lists (partially for brevity):

"Hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylactic/anaphylactoid reactions, bronchospasm, and urticaria have been reported within the first few hours after vaccination. An apparent hypersensitivity syndrome (serum-sickness-like) of delayed onset has been reported days to weeks after vaccination, including: arthralgia/arthritis (usually transient), fever, and dermatologic reactions such as urticaria, erythema multiforme, ecchymoses and erythema nodosum [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]. Autoimmune diseases including systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), lupus-like syndrome, vasculitis, and polyarteritis nodosa have also been reported. Gastrointestinal Disorders like elevation of liver enzymes; constipation; nervous system disorders: Guillain-Barré syndrome; multiple sclerosis; exacerbation of multiple sclerosis; myelitis including transverse myelitis; seizure; febrile seizure; peripheral neuropathy including Bell's Palsy; radiculopathy; herpes zoster; migraine; muscle weakness; hypesthesia; encephalitis; skin and subcutaneous Disorders: Stevens-Johnson syndrome; alopecia; petechiae; eczema; musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders: arthritis pain in extremity; blood and lymphatic system disorders: increased erythrocyte sedimentation rate; thrombocytopenia; psychiatric disorders: irritability;

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agitation; somnolence; eye disorders: optic neuritis; tinnitus; conjunctivitis; visual disturbances; uveitis; cardiac disorders: syncope; tachycardia..."

Further, item 13.1, included in all vaccine package inserts, states, "Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility RECOMBIVAX HB has not been evaluated for its carcinogenic or mutagenic potential, or its potential to impair fertility [see Use in Specific Populations (8)]." None of the vaccines have any long-term studies that could reflect cancer, infertility, or damage to the next generation yielded from this vaccinated child, as the children are only observed for five (5) days.

This information above is not voluntarily disclosed to parents at a well-baby check-up or on the first day of life when the HepB vaccine is given. It is the parents of children who have endured these adverse reactions who have read the science after the fact and are angry, often ridiculed with the term "anti-vaxxer" even though they vaccinated their child. Post-COVID-19, more parents are looking at this information more closely, comparing the contrast with the over-simplified Vaccination Information Statements they are given at the doctor's office and rightfully lose trust in future information. As can be seen in the 6.1 Clinical Trial Experience, 147 healthy infants and children up to ten (10) years old were monitored for five (5) days with the HepB vaccine. This is typically given in the first twenty-four (24) hours of life to roughly 3-4 million babies born in the United States each year. Even a small fraction of a percent, or 0.1%, is still 37,000 permanently damaged babies per year in America. The recommended immunization schedule for Hawai'i includes seventy-two (72) vaccines, each presenting its own unique set of risks.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of SCR 24. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via email to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,



FELICIA COWDEN
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:27:03 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Paul	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose. Mahalo!

LATE

SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:37:05 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolina Carreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I highly oppose this bill, given Governor Green's bad habit of hopping on whatever bandwagon Governor Gavin Newsom is driving, even as he quite literally runs his state of California into the ground. Let the people of Hawaii make the decisions about Hawaii. We don't need the outside and corruptible influence of others telling us how to keep our people safe. Just look at New Zealand, which recently formally rejected amendments to the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Health Regulations. This decision was reportedly made by NZ ministers to push to protect national sovereignty over health policy decisions. Hawaii should be no different.

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:43:56 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jasmine Jenkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing this testimony to **strongly oppose** this multi-state health alliance. Hawai'i did not elect the other state officials and we have our own concerns and needs that are outside of those in other states. We need our governor to listen to the people and deal with the issues and immediate needs at hand, while actively being for Hawai'i and not others and their interest.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:49:54 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patty Takahashi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

The choice of medical decisions need to be kept with each person.

Hawai'i Government shall not join forces with policies of other entities to decide what the people of Hawai'i needs according to this bill.

People of Hawai'i have a long history of being taken advantage of! And this bill is another failure for Hawai'i giving away our heritage of Life.

If you agree with their policies live there and do not bring any part of this bill here to Hawai'i or any where.

stop proposing such bills to make our home miserable.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:50:41 AM

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

Comments:

Please OPPOSE the proposal for Hawai'i to join the West Coast Health Alliance.

These measures REMOVE Medical Freedom and **shift decision-making power away from Hawai'i's elected representatives to unelected regional bodies.**

Sincerely,

Donna Grabow, Hilo

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:51:06 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa Kealoha	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm writing in support because, as a public health professional, I am very concerned about how quickly our public health infrastructure is being dismantled by the federal government. We need to strengthen collaboration among professionals who are invested in public health solutions and ensure that we can partner in the development of best practices. Under current HHS leadership, several federal programs have suffered immensely and we cannot miss any opportunity to connect with those interested in improved public health outcomes.

Mahalo,

Kekoa

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly oppose SCR24 & SR21.

RFK Jr. has been bringing gold standard medicine back to the CDC. He is requiring double blind placebo studies for vaccines, as are required for all other pharmaceuticals. Vaccines are the *only* product in the US which has NO liability. That means that there is NO incentive for pharmaceutical companies to make them safe. Pharmaceutical companies are in business to make money. Making products safe costs money. Do the math.

Hawaii needs to come into the 21st century and use *actual* science, not marketing slogans and false reassurance in caring for the health of American.

I recommend that Hawaii EXITS the West Coast Health Alliance immediately.

Mahalo,

Netra Halperin
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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 11:57:36 AM

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

Comments:

Urgent vote NO!

Let the public guide their own health decisions, not government.

Mahalo, Lois

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill puts Hawaii in the position of accepting decisions made by people who do not live in/or have any knowledge of Hawaii and our specific needs. Hawaii is very unique, we do not fit into the mainland norm. We need to handle our own public health issues. We do not want to turn our decisions over to someone else.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 12:07:59 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katie Acpal	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

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SCR-24

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 12:19:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurence Limasa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SCR24.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 12:23:26 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle R Stefanik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this legislation! I urge you to vote NO. We the people do not want to align with other states where we do not have the opportunity to vote on decisions being made. The people who are guiding this are not elected by Hawaii so they should not be in control of our Health Care. VOTE NO!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 12:31:22 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose! I am concerned that formal alignment with the WHA could pave the way for future policy decisions that are less transparent to the public and more difficult for local stakeholders to influence

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 12:45:07 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Moku	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha! I'm writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE SCR24!! Hawai'i should remain responsible and accountable to Hawai'i only!!! We do not need our health care systems in Hawai'i, policies or regulations run by people outside of our state. This is HEWA and I say A'OLE!! Do what's right for the people of Hawai'i!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dyan Mullen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please vote no, Hawaii should be making its own policies supported by its people, not subcontracting us out to a very biased group that is not elected nor supported by our people. Hawaiians should be making their own medical choices, not the government. NO to Josh Green

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Submitted on: 3/30/2026 12:46:00 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/30/2026 1:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Johnna. I am a Native Hawaiian, born and raised on these islands, and a resident of Oahu. I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to SCR 24.

I have also lived in California. I know firsthand what it looks like on the other side. And I can tell you with confidence: Hawai‘i does not need to follow California’s lead on healthcare. We are already leading.

Hawai‘i ranks #1 in U.S. News & World Report’s healthcare rankings, with the longest life expectancy in the nation at 80.7 years and the lowest uninsured rate in the country — under 3%. Hawai‘i also has the lowest all-cause mortality rate of any state in the nation. We achieved this not by copying the mainland — but by doing things our way, rooted in aloha, in community, and in a deep commitment to caring for one another.

SCR 24 asks this Legislature to celebrate the Governor’s decision to tie our public health guidance to a West Coast Alliance — to states like Oregon and Washington, where drug overdose deaths spiked by 25% or more in recent years. Oregon ranks 41st in overall healthcare — below Hawai‘i in quality, access, and cost. Why would we anchor ourselves to their approach?

Hawai‘i is not California. We are not Oregon. We are not Washington. We are a Pacific island state with our own geography, our own people, our own kuleana. As a Native Hawaiian, I carry the history of what happens when outside systems are imposed on our people without our consent. Our healthcare success story was built here — through the Prepaid Health Care Act, through community health centers, through the values of mālama and aloha. No mainland coalition gave us that. We built that.

This resolution asks the Legislature to endorse outsourcing our public health decision-making to a multi-state alliance that our people had no voice in forming. That is not pono. Our Department of Health has the expertise, the data, and the deep community relationships to guide us — they do not need a West Coast compass.

I respectfully urge this committee to hold SCR 24 and to trust what Hawai'i has already proven: that when we govern from a place of Aloha, we don't need to follow anyone. The rest of the country follows us.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

Respectfully submitted,

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