

HB253 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.
Report Title: Pharmacists; Vaccine
Description: Authorizes pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between 14 and 17 years of age who have a valid prescription from the patient's medical home. (HB253 HD2)
Companion:
Package: None
Current Referral: HTH, CPN
Introducer(s): EVANS, BELATTI, MCKELVEY, Creagan



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 253, HD2
RELATING TO VACCINATIONS**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Hearing Date: April 1, 2015 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the proposed bill which provides
3 additional and appropriate access for our community to vaccinations as it recognizes and
4 preserves the medical home, the concept of which was born in Hawaii and assures patients
5 receive coordinated and complete care. Ensuring information is properly checked and coming
6 from the medical home minimizes the possibility of vaccination errors related to
7 contraindications, guides timely spacing based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization
8 Practices vaccination schedule, and ensures proper documentation of vaccinations in the patient's
9 medical record. By verifying this information, this process fosters a relationship for discussion
10 between the physician group and the pharmacist group to provide the optimum care to the people
11 of Hawaii.

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13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, April 1, 2015
9:30 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 253, H.D. 2, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony on House Bill No. 253, H.D. 2, Relating to Vaccinations, which would authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between 14 and 17 years of age pursuant to a valid prescription.

The Board supports this bill that would allow pharmacists to administer not only the influenza vaccine, but any vaccine as prescribed by the patient's medical home, to persons between 14 and 17 years of age.

Also, we respectfully request that the effective date be amended to read, "upon its approval".

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on House Bill No. 253, H.D. 2.

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To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Tanaguchi, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: R. Michael Hamilton, MD, FAAP

Re: HB 253 HD 2

On behalf of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (HAAP) I would like to thank you and provide support for this bill with its amendments.

This bill will provide support for improved access for adolescent immunizations without compromising the Patient Centered Medical Home model that is a vital component of comprehensive care for this population.

HAAP is in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

R. Michael Hamilton, MD, FAAP

**Comments of
Gary M. Slovin/ Mihoko E. Ito
on behalf of
Walgreens**

DATE: March 31, 2015

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Submitted Via CPNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **H.B. 253, HD2 – Relating to Vaccinations**
Hearing: Wednesday, April 1, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

We submit these comments on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawai`i, Walgreens now has 17 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawai`i.

Walgreens **supports** H.B. 253, HD2, which would authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons aged fourteen to seventeen via a physician’s prescription, provided that the pharmacist has fulfilled certain requirements. The current law allows persons between fourteen and seventeen to receive the influenza vaccine pursuant to a valid prescription. This bill would expand the ability for this group to receive other vaccinations pursuant to a prescription.

While Walgreens preferred the original bill which also allowed pharmacists to issue vaccines pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement, we still support the bill in its current form, because we believe that increasing access to vaccines is an important public policy that will improve and protect public health. Allowing pharmacists to administer vaccinations is a low-cost and convenient way to meet an important public health need.

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Studies have shown that in states in which pharmacists are allowed to administer vaccines, the vaccine coverage rates are increased for the target population.

Pharmacists are required to receive specialized training to administer vaccinations. Presently, Walgreens pharmacists who participate in vaccine programs go through a “Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery” certificate training program offered by the American Pharmacists Association that is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition to immunization training, all participating pharmacists are required to become certified in adult and child CPR and to take OSHA blood-borne pathogens training. These programs include training to administer vaccines for children nine years of age and older.

Walgreens is committed to promoting public health by improving the accessibility of life-saving vaccines. We believe that, given proper training and certification for pharmacists, lowering age restrictions and expanding the availability of vaccines will improve access and serve as a valuable preventative tool. It would also allow for a quick and effective response in the event of a public health emergency.

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

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Submitted on: 3/30/2015

Testimony for CPN on Apr 1, 2015 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Matsumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a practicing pediatrician in Honolulu and support the passage of HB 253 in its current amended form. HB 253 will improve teen access to disease preventing immunizations while preserving the important relationship between the patient and his/her medical home.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vince Yamashiroya, MD	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to thank your committee for supporting pediatricians and the Medical Home regarding vaccinations for our adolescents.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Galen Chock	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: HB253HD2 reaffirms the importance of the Medical Home in coordinating comprehensive care for our adolescent patients in regards to their immunizations. In addition as noted by our DOH, continued discussion between physicians and pharmacists serves to promote enhanced health care for our local population.

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