

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, February 4, 2015  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 253, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.**

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, 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 testify on House Bill No. 253, Relating to Vaccinations, which would allow pharmacists to administer any "vaccine", not specific to the influenza vaccine, to persons between the ages of 14-17, pursuant to a valid prescription from a collaborating physician.

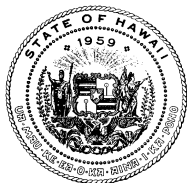
I would like to preface my testimony by informing you that the Board has not had an opportunity to review this bill or discuss the justification to the amendments as proponents of this measure did not approach the Board with any specific language. The Board did reschedule its February meeting to next Thursday, February 12, 2015, at which time they will be discussing this measure.

I would also like to inform the committee that Act 125, SLH 2010, established a task force to determine the feasibility of lowering the age at which vaccinations may be administered by pharmacists. The task force consisted of the Board of Pharmacy, members of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association, pharmacists from chain store pharmacies, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter and a

member from the Hawaii Health Information Exchange. As a result of this task force, Act 42, SLH 2012, was enacted that established HRS section 461-11.4, allowing pharmacists to administer the influenza vaccine to children.

The Board, when it meets, will be discussing the previous recommendations of the task force and the proposed amendments to ensure that pharmacists can administer any vaccine to children in a safe manner pursuant to a valid prescription and pursuant to a “collaborating physician”, which is not currently defined.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 253.



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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB253  
RELATING TO VACCINATIONS**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELLATI, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 02/04/2015, 9:00 AM Room Number: 329

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** While the Department appreciates the intent of this measure, which
- 3 would increase access to immunization for persons aged 14 through 17 years, we recommend
- 4 retaining the language that requires pharmacists to verify that the prescriber is the patient's
- 5 medical home. The term "collaborating physician" is not defined in the measure and implies
- 6 that the prescriber could be a physician that does not provide regular primary care for the child.
- 7 While influenza vaccinations in this age group are administered once annually, the schedules
- 8 for other vaccines recommended for adolescents can be complex, requiring knowledge of
- 9 previous doses administered as well as the appropriate intervals between doses. To avoid the
- 10 administration of vaccines at incorrect ages or intervals, which could result in invalid doses that
- 11 would need to be repeated or the unnecessary administration of extra doses of vaccine, it is
- 12 critical that the prescribing physician is aware of the patient's immunization history, and should
- 13 therefore be the patient's medical home. In addition, this would ensure that the child and their
- 14 parent would consult with and receive appropriate information from their own physician, who
- 15 could also assess whether the child may safely receive such vaccinations in a non-medical
- 16 setting.
- 17 **Offered Amendments:** §461-11.4 Vaccinations; children. (a) A pharmacist may administer a
- 18 vaccine to persons between fourteen and seventeen years of age pursuant to a valid
- 19 prescription. The pharmacist shall verify that the prescriber or the prescriber's authorized
- 20 agent is the patient's medical home.
- 21 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Health  
February 04, 2015 9 a.m.**

**by  
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University of Hawai'i at Manoa**

**HB 253 RELATING TO VACCINATIONS**

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of and recommending changes to HB 235.

In 2009, the Legislature in its wisdom, introduced Act 169 HB1378 HD2 SD2 CD1 which was enacted into law as HRS §432:1-615, and required insurers, mutual and fraternal benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to recognize advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) as primary care providers (PCPs); and granted global signature authority and prescriptive rights. Last year, with the House Health Committee's support, SB 2492 SD1 was signed into law as Session 2014 Act 45. This Act amended various sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to enable APRNs to practice to the fullest extent of their training and education. Further, through these bills the legislature found that there is a need for access to health care professionals, particularly in rural areas, and that APRNs can provide high quality health care with positive patient outcomes.

With regard to these findings, the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (HSCN) respectfully requests that the House Health Committee amend HB 253 to refer to "physician or advanced practice registered nurse" in lieu of "physician". The recommended edits are as follows:

- Page 2, line 5: "licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse"
- Page 2, line 9: "physicians and surgeons, advanced practice registered nurse"
- Page 2, line 19: "licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse"
- Page 3, line 8: "licensed physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's"
- Page 4, line 7: "licensed physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's"
- Page 4, line 11: "physician or advanced practice registered nurse"
- Page 4, line 15: "licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse"
- Page 4, line 17: "licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse"
- Page 6, line 8-9: "primary care or collaborating physician, or advanced practice registered nurse"
- Page 10, description line 3: "physician or advanced practice registered nurse."

These amendments will ensure that APRNS may continue providing health care to Hawaii to the fullest extent of their education and in accordance with the Hawaii Nurse Practice Act. The HSCN supports the passage of H B 258 with the proposed amendments. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and health care in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Comments of  
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on behalf of  
Walgreens**

DATE: February 3, 2015

TO: Representative Della Au Belatti  
Committee on Health  
*Submitted Via [HLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)*

RE: **H.B. 253 – Relating to Vaccinations**  
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Dear Chair Au Belatti, and Members of the Committee on Health,

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, which would authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons aged fourteen to seventeen with a physician's prescription, provided that the pharmacist has fulfilled certain requirements. Walgreens support the passage of this measure, recognizing that it is the result of the collaborative efforts of the members of the vaccination task force formed pursuant to Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010.

The current law allows for vaccines to be given to persons 18 years or older pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement.

Walgreens supports H.B. 253 because the company believes that increasing access to vaccines is an important public policy that will improve and protect public health, and appreciates that the issue was fully considered and analyzed by the interested stakeholders.

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Allowing pharmacists to administer vaccinations is a low-cost and convenient way to meet an important public health need. 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 the age restrictions for pharmacist-administered vaccines will improve access to vaccines 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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| Patrick Adams       | Foodland Supermarkets Ltd | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: Pharmacists are professional providers that have been administer vaccinations for over 10 years. The children in the 14 to 17 year age group are not vaccinated by the Department of Health and represent a gap in care that affects not only the children but a ll the Hawaii residents they come in contact with. This measure will improve healthcare in the state of Hawaii.

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February 4, 2015  
Support for HB253

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Keri Oyadomari and I am a community pharmacist here in Honolulu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB253 – Relating to Vaccinations. Pharmacists are fully trained and qualified professionals able to administer vaccinations. Having the ability to administer such preventative therapy to persons aged fourteen through seventeen with a physician's prescription may ease the burden of limited access to healthcare statewide. Vaccines not only aim to protect the individual, but the persons around the individual as well. I support HB253 in favor of providing this preventive care for an expanded demographic of the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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**RE: House Bill 253--SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and Honorable Members of the Committee:

CVS Health/Longs Drugs would like to express our strong support for HB253. HB253 expands the ability of Hawaii's pharmacists from being able to provide the influenza vaccine to patients between the ages of 14-17 pursuant to a valid prescription, to expanding this authority to all vaccines to this same age group, pursuant to a valid prescription from the patient's primary care provider or prescriber with whom the pharmacist has a collaborative practice agreement in place. In all cases the pharmacist must be properly trained before administering any vaccine.

This bill will greatly expand the available venues where children between the ages of 14-17 can receive common vaccines required for such activities as school enrollment and is an appropriate expansion of the scope of work for the highly skilled health professionals that are pharmacists in Hawaii.

As one of the largest employers of licensed pharmacists in Hawaii, we thank you for your consideration of our comments and ask that the Committee vote aye, and pass HB253.

CVS Health is deeply committed to Hawaii, employing approximately 2800 colleagues in our more than 60 pharmacy and MinuteClinic locations throughout the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawai'i. We proudly operate as the largest pharmacy chain in Hawaii, under our Longs Drugs banner and we also offer our patients and clients a wide range of comprehensive, integrated pharmacy and health operations statewide including: Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) services (CVS/caremark), Specialty Pharmacy (CVS/specialty), Mail-Order and Retail Pharmacy (CVS/pharmacy/Longs Drugs), Retail Health Clinics (CVS/minute clinic) and a distribution center.

Respectfully,

Eric P. Douglas