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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IMMUNIZATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 302A-1156, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "§302A-1156 Exemptions. (a) A [ehild] student may be  
4 exempted from the required immunizations:

5           (1) If a licensed physician, physician assistant, or  
6 advanced practice registered nurse certifies that the  
7 physical condition of the [ehild] student is such that  
8 immunizations would endanger the [ehild's] student's  
9 life or health; or

10          (2) [~~If any parent, custodian, guardian, or any other~~  
11 ~~person in loco parentis to a child objects to~~  
12 ~~immunization in writing on the grounds that the~~  
13 ~~immunization conflicts with that person's bona fide~~  
14 ~~religious tenets and practices. Upon showing the~~  
15 ~~appropriate school official satisfactory evidence of~~  
16 ~~the exemption, no certificate or other evidence of~~  
17 ~~immunization shall be required for entry into school.]~~



1           If the student is attending a private school or a home  
2           school in accordance with section 302A-1132(a)(5)."

3           SECTION 2. Section 325-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5           "**§325-34 Exemptions.** (a) Section 325-32 shall be  
6 construed not to require the vaccination or immunization of any  
7 person for three months after a duly licensed physician,  
8 physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or an  
9 authorized representative of the department of health has signed  
10 two copies of a certificate stating the name and address of the  
11 person and that because of a stated cause the health of the  
12 person would be endangered by the vaccination or immunization,  
13 and has forwarded the original copy of the certificate to the  
14 person or, if the person is a minor or under guardianship, to  
15 the person's parent or guardian, and has forwarded the duplicate  
16 copy of the certificate to the department for its files.

17           (b) [No] Except for students attending public schools, no  
18 person shall be subjected to vaccination, revaccination or  
19 immunization, who shall in writing object thereto on the grounds  
20 that the requirements are not in accordance with the religious  
21 tenets of an established church of which the person is a member



1 or adherent, or, if the person is a minor or under guardianship,  
2 whose parent or guardian shall in writing object thereto on such  
3 grounds, but no objection shall be recognized when, in the  
4 opinion of the director of health, there is danger of an  
5 epidemic from any communicable disease."

6 SECTION 3. If, prior to January 1, 2017, a:

7 (1) Public school student who has reached the age of  
8 majority; or

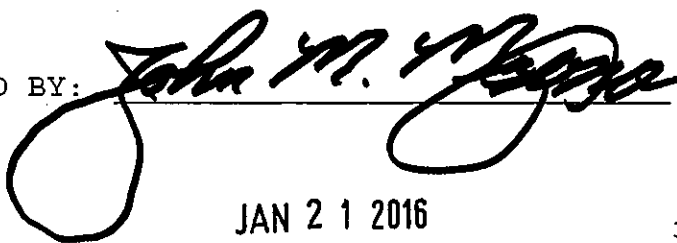
9 (2) Parent, custodian, guardian, or any other person in  
10 loco parentis to a public school student,  
11 submits to the public school at which that student is enrolled a  
12 written objection to immunization on the grounds that the  
13 immunization conflicts with that person's bona fide religious  
14 tenets and practices, the student shall be allowed to attend  
15 that public school until the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

16 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017;  
19 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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INTRODUCED BY:





# H.B. NO. 1722

**Report Title:**

Student Immunization

**Description:**

Requires all public school students to be immunized, except for cases in which the immunization would endanger the life or health of a child. Exempts students attending private schools and home schools from immunization requirement.

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