

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1169

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28** , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1118  
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1118, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS TO IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the issuance of new non-medical immunization exemptions for school-aged children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; Hawai'i Pacific Health; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists - Hawai'i Section; American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Free Citizens of Maunaloa; Hawaiian Islands Republican Women; Project Nehemiah Hawaii; Outlawz Athletics; Aloha 1st Athletics; Aloha Freedom Coalition; Nana's Early Childcare; Pono Records; Retore Aloha; Hawai'i Christian Coalition; Christian Science Committee on Publication for Hawaii; Faith in Action Church of God; King's Chapel; Beauty Way of the Four Directions Native American Church of Kaua'i; Hawaii for Informed Consent; Libertarian Party of

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Hawaii; Pure Wellness LLC; Clementine's Closet LLC; KELII Foundation; KUMU Foundation; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Church of Satanism, Coeur d'Alene Chapter.

Your Committee finds that school immunization requirements are a critical tool for preventing the spread of infectious diseases and maintaining public health. Studies confirm that high vaccination rates create herd immunity, which is essential for protecting medically fragile children who cannot be immunized due to health conditions. In recent years, Hawaii has seen a significant rise in non-medical immunization exemptions, more than doubling since the 2015-2016 school year. This measure aims to enhance the safety of school-aged children by reducing non-medical exemptions while continuing to safeguard those with valid medical exemptions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1118, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1118, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



