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**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 1115  
RELATING TO UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION FUNDING PROGRAM**

REPRESENTATIVE GREGG TAKAYAMA, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Friday, February 7, 2025, 8:45 AM, Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Estimated annual administrative costs of a Universal Immunization Funding  
2 Program is anticipated to be \$2.8 – \$3.6 million, which is expected to be covered by the costs  
3 saved on immunization purchases by leveraging large contracts that provide economies of  
4 scale. One-time program start-up costs, which are requested as an appropriation, are  
5 estimated to be approximately \$934,000.

6 **Department Position:** The Department **SUPPORTS** this measure and offers comments and a  
7 proposed amendment. The purpose of this measure is to establish a collaborative, self-  
8 sustaining, “universal” funding model for immunization purchases by the Department of Health  
9 Immunization Branch to enable streamlined procurement, oversight, distribution,  
10 accountability, and reporting for all persons under the age of 65, regardless of insurance status  
11 (public/private). Namely, providers take on considerable risk because of the need to pay for  
12 their private sector immunization supplies up front, as well as incurring other expenses such as  
13 secure and temperature-controlled storage. A universal purchasing program will reduce the  
14 financial and administrative burden to health care providers and create economies of scale that  
15 can reach more patients than the current uncoordinated model. By centralizing public and  
16 private sector immunization procurement and leveraging bulk purchasing power through  
17 Federal or State consortium contracts, this initiative would lower private-sector costs and

1 improve access to needed immunizations for all keiki, families, communities, and healthcare  
2 providers statewide. This initiative addresses increasing disparities between publicly and  
3 privately insured individual's access to immunizations and reinforces Hawai'i's commitment to  
4 preventive health care, cost-effective public-health infrastructure, and data-driven decision-  
5 making – key pillars of our nationally-recognized healthcare system.

6 **Offered Amendments: §321- Definitions, Page 5, Lines 6 – 17:**

7 "Immunization" means any preparation of killed microorganisms, living attenuated organisms,  
8 [or] living fully virulent organisms [of mRNA], or part thereof, or any other [injectable]  
9 treatment intended to trigger an immune response that is authorized by the United States Food  
10 and Drug Administration, [and] recommended by the national Advisory Committee on  
11 Immunization Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [and]  
12 or has been authorized for purchase by the director for the purposes of producing or  
13 [artificially] increasing immunity to particular diseases. For purposes of this part,  
14 "immunization" shall include any other substance designated as such by order of the  
15 director.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:01:44 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maya Maxym	Advocacy Committee, American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter, which represents more than 200 pediatricians across our islands, would like to express our strong support for HB 1115, Relating to Universal Immunization Funding Program.

As you know, vaccines are one of the greatest public health advances of all time and have saved over 150 million lives around the world. Our keiki rely on vaccines to protect them from devastating diseases such as measles and meningitis. However, many community pediatricians in Hawai'i struggle to stock vaccines due to high upfront costs and take significant losses if vaccines are not used by their expiration date. Additionally, community pediatricians caring for privately insured patients are not able to access the lower prices at which the Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccines are able to be bulk purchased. HB1115 would alleviate both these problems. By creating a state vaccine purchase program, Hawai'i would be able to access lower pricing for all our keiki, not just those who receive vaccines through VFC. Additionally, pediatricians and family physicians would be relieved of the burden of trying to estimate how many vaccines they will use in a given time period and risking wasting vaccines that are not used. This, in turn, would promote increased access to all recommended vaccines, reduce cost and disruptions to a families' schedules (for additional visits for vaccines if they are not in stock at the first visit), and help to keep our keiki healthy.

Mahalo,

Members of the Advocacy Committee, American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:35:02 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Evelyn Ugale	Hawaii Pacific Health	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an Infection Preventionist RN, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Mahalo in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

# TAX FOUNDATION OF HAWAII

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS; Universal Immunization Purchase Special Fund

BILL NUMBER: SB 1434, HB 1115

INTRODUCED BY: SB by KOUCHI by request, HB by NAKAMURA by request (Governor's Package)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Establishes the Universal Immunization Purchase Special Fund into which the fees will be deposited to finance the distribution of immunizations free of charge to qualifying healthcare providers.

SYNOPSIS: Adds a new part to chapter 321, HRS, for a Universal Immunization Funding Program, "Program", that would allow the Department of Health to manage the supply of immunizations. The Program is expected to lower health care providers' administrative costs and ensure immunizations can be quickly supplied during emergencies or immunization shortages.

Defines "Assessed entity" as any insurer in the State, that is not federally funded, issuing individual and group accident and health or sickness insurance policies, individual or group hospital or medical service plan contracts, and nonprofit mutual benefit society, fraternal benefit society, and health maintenance organization health plans.

Defines "Assessment" as the association member liability with respect to immunization costs determined in accordance with this part.

Defines "Provider" as a person licensed by the State to administer immunizations or provide health care services or a partnership, corporation, or other entity made up of those persons.

Establishes the Universal Immunization Purchase Special Fund ("Fund) into which fees, fines and cost reimbursements paid by Assessed entities will be deposited. Expenditures from the Fund shall be used to purchase immunizations, at no cost to Providers, to administer to individuals who are not eligible to receive immunizations at no cost through other programs.

The Fund will be administered and expended by the Department of Health. The Director shall determine regular immunization assessment rates and may make changes to the assessment collection mechanism.

The measure provides an appropriation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ out of general revenues, or so much thereof as may be necessary, into the Fund for fiscal year 2025-2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025.

STAFF COMMENTS: This is an Administration bill sponsored by the Department of Health and designated HTH-18 (25).

The 1989 Tax Review Commission noted that use of special fund financing is a “departure from Hawaii’s sound fiscal policies and should be avoided.” It also noted that special funds are appropriate where the revenues to the funds maintain some direct connection between a public service and the beneficiary of that service. The Commission found that special funds which merely set aside general funds cannot be justified as such actions restrict budget flexibility, create inefficiencies, and lessen accountability. It recommended that such programs can be given priority under the normal budget process without having to resort to this type of financing.

This bill creates a special fund to administer a newly created Program to manage the supply of immunizations to ensure immunizations can quickly be supplied to vulnerable patient groups during emergencies or shortages.

Special funds are pots of money that exist for a specific purpose and largely bypass the legislative appropriation process. The existence of hundreds of these special funds has often confounded those who seek answers to simple questions like “How much money does the State have?”

Our Legislature is supposed to be the steward of all state moneys, but special funds make it very easy to lose track of where the money is and how it is being spent. Departments are supposed to tell the Legislature if they have special funds and how much is in them, but let’s just say they don’t always. Recently, in Report No. 20-01, the State Auditor took DBEDT to task for failing to report \$6.5 million in non-general fund moneys. DBEDT’s response? Just that they’ll “take corrective action.” Not even a “Whoops! We screwed up and promise to do better next time!” This followed closely on the heels of Report No. 19-16, where the Auditor found that \$1.04 million in non-general fund moneys administered by the Attorney General wasn’t reported. That department responded that they “shall establish procedures to assure required reports are issued.” Is it any wonder that it’s getting harder and harder to follow the money and rein in government spending?

Perhaps as a result of the foregoing concerns, the Legislature has itself established criteria for when a special fund may be maintained (HRS section 37-52.3). Those criteria are that the special fund:

(1) Serves a need, as demonstrated by:

(A) The purpose of the program to be supported by the fund;

(B) The scope of the program, including financial information on fees to be charged, sources of projected revenue, and costs; and

(C) An explanation of why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process;

2) Reflects a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the program users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue, as opposed to serving primarily as a means to provide the program or users with an automatic means of support that is removed from the normal budget and appropriation process;

(3) Provides an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity that is used only when essential to the successful operation of the program or activity; and

(4) Demonstrates the capacity to be financially self-sustaining.

In this bill, the apparent plan is to impose a new charge on “assessed entities,” namely health insurers and health plans, to fund a program to make bulk purchases of vaccines. The Health Department, in its justification sheet accompanying the measure, complains that private providers take on considerable risk because of the need to pay for immunization supplies up front, as well as incurring expenses such as secure and temperature-controlled storage. It believes that a universal purchasing program will reduce administrative burdens to the providers and create economies of scale that can reach more patients than the current uncoordinated model. “The Department's ability to leverage highly competitive federal immunization purchasing contracts may result in lower overall costs to Hawaii's health system,” the justification sheet continues, “as well as increased rates of immunizations that will lower incidences of immunization-preventable diseases.”

Even if all this is true, the new special fund, program, and fee basically constitute a new tax on health insurers and plans to fund bulk purchasing of vaccines along with reimbursing the Department of Health for its costs for things like secure and temperature-controlled storage. The normal and proper process would be for a new tax to be enacted, and for the proceeds to be legislatively appropriated out to the Department of Health for this program. There is no need to subvert the normal appropriation process to service this, as opposed to any other, health program or, for that matter, any other program administered by any other department. Establishing this special fund is inappropriate, and we question the need for a new tax to finance the program.

If the real problem is inability of the existing tax system to reach some of the entities targeted by this bill, perhaps because of well-entrenched exemptions such as those for mutual benefit societies (section 432:1-403, HRS) and fraternal benefit societies (section 432:2-503, HRS), then those exemptions need to be reexamined.



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Kūpuna Collective/Healthy Aging &  
Community Living

Public Health Workforce Development

Date: February 6, 2025

To: Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair  
Representative Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: Support for HB 1115, Relating to Health Care

Hrg: Friday, February 7, 2025, at 8:45 AM, Conference Room 329

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Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI)<sup>1</sup> **supports HB 1115**, which establishes the Universal Immunization Purchase Special Fund into which the fees will be deposited to finance the distribution of immunizations free of charge to qualifying healthcare providers.

Immunization is critical to public safety. Vaccines can prevent common diseases that seriously harm or cause the death of infants, children, and adults. The direct benefits of vaccination in reducing disease morbidity and mortality in a cost-effective manner have been well-established by medical research.

Creating a Universal Immunization Special Fund will allow providers access to immunizations at a reduced cost. This will increase access to immunizations, reduce providers' financial risk of estimating how many vaccines they will use in a given time period, decrease administrative burden by provider offices, stabilize immunization funding sources, increase the efficiency of vaccine ordering, tracking, delivery, and monitoring, improve statewide data, and lower healthcare costs.

## Benefits of Immunization

According to a landmark study published by The Lancet in 2024, vaccination has likely averted 154 million deaths since 1974, including 146 million among children younger than 5 years old and 101 million infants.<sup>2</sup>

The World Health Organization (WHO) has called immunization "one of modern medicine's greatest success stories." The WHO notes that immunization not only protects public health, but also advances broader gains in education and economic development worldwide.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(24\)00850-X/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(24)00850-X/fulltext)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.who.int/news-room/facts-in-pictures/detail/immunization>



An analysis conducted by researchers from Johns Hopkins University and the Center for Disease Dynamics found that preventing vaccine-preventable infectious diseases helps avert associated out-of-pocket medical expenses, healthcare provider costs, and losses in wages of patients and caregivers, while improving cognition, school attainment, and long-term economic productivity.<sup>4</sup>

### **Immunization Is Safe**

Vaccines are safe for public use, including for our keiki. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), new vaccines are extensively lab-tested to ensure that they are medically secure. Once clinical trials involving people begin, it can often take years of additional testing before a vaccine is licensed. After a vaccine is licensed, the Food and Drug Administration, CDC, National Institutes of Health, and other federal agencies rigorously monitor potential safety concerns.<sup>5</sup>

Unfortunately, our state is currently experiencing an increase in respiratory viruses, which health officials believe may be attributable to declining vaccination rates across the islands, especially among students. According to the Department of Health (DOH), of 382 schools reporting for the 2023-2024 school year, 282 schools, or nearly 75%, have more than 5% of their students not up to date on vaccines, of which 36 schools reported that over half of their students are missing required immunizations.<sup>6</sup>

DOH officials have also stated that Hawai'i's 2022-2023 kindergarten MMR vaccine coverage rate is about 86%, which is nearly 10% lower than the 95% coverage recommended for community protection by the CDC. Hawai'i had the largest increase in exemptions in the U.S. for non-medical kindergarten vaccines from the 2021-2022 school year to the 2022-2023 school year.<sup>7</sup> An uptick in unvaccinated students could lead to outbreaks of infectious diseases, including illnesses like measles.

To keep our state safe from preventable illness, we urge your committee to pass this bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Hix".

Nate Hix  
Director of Policy and Advocacy

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<sup>4</sup><https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7482790/#:~:text=Childhood%20vaccines%20save%20an%20estimated,1990%20to%2029%20in%202018.>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/reasons/index.html>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.khon2.com/local-news/rising-illnesses-dropping-vaccines-hawaii-faces-a-winter-health-crisis>

<sup>7</sup> <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/hi/hawaii/news/2024/03/06/doh-warns-hawaii-measles>

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:03:09 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Derek Ching	CHILDREN'S DOCTORS L.L.C.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of a state vaccine purchasing program. I have been in private practice for the past 18 years and can say that vaccines consume a large part of our overhead and can be a burden for many practices to be able to purchase and hold on to these vaccines. Having a state purchasing program will greatly help reduce the cost and decrease some of the barriers to providing optimal care and providing the vaccines needed. For example, the Beyfortis vaccine to help protect against RSV is very expensive at \$400-\$500 per dose with a minimal margin of profit if given so few offices are choosing to carry it despite the fact that many of our children especially under 2 years of age are being hospitalized to RSV related illnesses. This bill will help with this burden. Thank you



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February 6, 2025

The Honorable Gregg Takayama  
Chair, House Committee on Health  
Hawai'i House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Takayama and Members of the Committee:

The Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) and our members share the Committee's goal in increasing access to health care and public health programs and services, including vaccination. However, we write to express our **opposition to HB 1115**, which would institute a universal purchase (UP) program for vaccines in Hawaii. Such a program would shift significant administrative burden to the state and to physicians not currently participating in the Vaccines for Children program and would benefit insurers while damaging the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) contracting ability.

BIO is the world's largest trade association representing biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers, and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations. BIO membership includes vaccine developers and manufacturers who have worked closely with the public health community to support policies that help ensure access to innovation and life-saving vaccines for all individuals.

Vaccines are one of the greatest success stories in public health. Routine childhood vaccinations have prevented hundreds of millions of cases of illness, millions of deaths, and have resulted in trillions of dollars of savings in societal costs in the US alone.<sup>1</sup> Vaccines against infectious diseases including measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, diphtheria, tetanus, hepatitis B, and varicella have been administered for decades, preventing disease and illness in millions of individuals globally. As a result of successful and ongoing vaccination efforts measles, rubella, diphtheria, polio, and smallpox have been eliminated in the US.<sup>2</sup> We are supportive of efforts to increase access to vaccines, and consequently, increase immunization rates to protect people across the lifespan; however, enacting UP is not guaranteed to achieve this objective and could create additional challenges.

UP programs have not been shown to increase immunization rates consistently. Childhood UP programs have demonstrated that UP does not necessarily drive us to our mutual goal – high immunization rates. Only 4 of the top 20 ranked states for Kindergarten MMR vaccination coverage, based on the CDC's 2023-2024 National Immunization Surveys rankings, have a UP

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/73/wr/mm7331a2.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMms1215400?url\\_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr\\_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr\\_dat=cr\\_pub%20%20pubmed](https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMms1215400?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%20%20pubmed)

policy (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island).<sup>3</sup> According to a 2018 analysis, it was concluded that UP was ineffective in increasing vaccination rates.<sup>4</sup>

Patient financial barriers to vaccines have been addressed at the federal level. All children and any adults with insurance coverage have access to all routinely recommended vaccines without cost-sharing. Many children are eligible for free vaccines through the CDC's Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The implementation of new UP programs is unnecessary. UP programs erode the benefits of this valuable Federal program. As part of the VFC program, the CDC is authorized to contract with vaccine manufacturers. These federal contracts are designed in collaboration with industry to ensure that the most vulnerable have access to immunizations at a discount and that each state has a sufficient quantity of vaccine for specified groups in VFC.

Specific UP program designs, such as insurance pools, create a pass through of a discount intended for vulnerable populations. A pass through is created because parents and employers pay premiums for their immunization coverage, so the vaccine cost is already paid for. These vaccine costs do not play a significant role in the cost of insurance premiums. According to a 2009 HHS study, vaccine coverage accounts for only 0.8% of family premiums.<sup>5</sup>

UP programs limit competition and negatively impact innovation. Newer vaccines require significant investment in their development because: (1) parents and regulators demand increased data on safety and efficacy; and, (2) new technologies are often needed to solve scientific issues. On average, new vaccines takes 8-10 years and over \$1 billion to develop. The current vaccine market business model depends largely on a competitive private marketplace, multi-source contracts, provider choice, and a vibrant private-sector market. UP programs reduce competition, inappropriately use public sector pricing (CDC federal contract pricing) designed for a separate and legitimate purpose, and often limit provider choice. UP programs distort both the state and national vaccine marketplace, and over the long-term, inhibit innovation because they can negatively impact the future vaccine supply and private investment in the development of new vaccines.

### ***Alternative solutions***

There must be equity across populations with consideration given to factors such as geography (rural/urban), age, and demographic factors like race/ethnicity. Hawaii should undertake an examination of the factors impacting lower uptake of vaccines by certain populations and work to address specific issues in vaccine financing and access rather than implementing an overarching change to the system. Other states have undertaken processes to identify targeted solutions to vaccine education, access, and financing issues, which include:

- Raise the Medicaid vaccine administration fee to more fully compensate health care providers administering vaccines for their time and resources. UP programs do not address administration fees paid to private insurers or Medicaid;<sup>6</sup>
- Training and education for providers on group purchasing options for lower-volume practices;
- Mentoring programs and centralized toolkits for providers;

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/schoolvaxview/data/index.html>

<sup>4</sup> Mulligan K, Snider JT, Arthur P, et al. Examination of universal purchase programs as a driver of vaccine uptake among US States, 1995-2014. *Vaccine*. 2018;36(28):4032-4038.

<sup>5</sup> Rose Chu, presentation at June 2009 NVAC meeting, "2009 Premiums for Routine Immunizations."

<sup>6</sup> Granade, Charleigh, et al. State Policies on Access to Vaccination Services for Low-Income Adults. April 27, 2020. *JAMA Network Open*. 2020;3(4):e203316. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2020.3316

- Development of buying group lists, optional centralized billing, credentialing, and contracting services for Local Public Health Agencies and other interested providers;
- Payer use of the CDC private sector cost list as reference for private payments;
- Improved reimbursement by payers for vaccine administration;
- Training on appropriate coding of vaccine type and administration;
- Investment and support for additional funding for the state IIS to support development of additional billing and inventory management infrastructure; and
- Innovative pilots that use technology solutions to address financing, billing and stocking of vaccines for providers.

Finally, we are concerned that this legislation is moving forward without the rigor necessary to understand the implications of such a policy shift. BIO urges you to first examine the challenges and acute solutions associated with them before enacting such sweeping changes to adult vaccine purchasing.

With the goal of achieving maximum immunization coverage among children, adolescents, and adults, BIO supports policies that positively impact access to vaccinations, such as policies that encourage adequate reimbursement for all vaccine-related expenses. We stand ready to help in any discussion of alternatives as well as to share our knowledge of activities and initiatives from around the country. Please feel free to contact me at [bwarren@bio.org](mailto:bwarren@bio.org) with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,



Brian Warren  
Vice President, State Government Affairs

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:55:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1115 (HB1115), which proposes the establishment of a Universal Immunization Funding Program in Hawaii. This bill, seeks to use our tax dollars to finance the distribution of vaccines at no cost to all children and adults, which I find deeply concerning.

The implications of this bill are vast and troubling:

1. **Financial Burden:** Using taxpayer money to fund a broad immunization program without considering the [financial strain](#) on our state's budget is irresponsible. We must prioritize spending that benefits the community in a broad and inclusive manner, not just through one specific health initiative.
2. **Lack of Choice:** This program removes the [personal choice regarding vaccinations](#), which should remain with individuals and their families. The decision to vaccinate should be informed and voluntary, respecting personal beliefs and health concerns.
3. **Government Overreach:** By making healthcare providers, state employees, and contractors not liable for actions related to the program, HB1115 sets a precedent for government overreach into personal health decisions. This [lack of accountability](#) could lead to misuse of power and potential harm.
4. **Scope of Vaccinations:** The inclusion of [mRNA injections](#), as decided by the Department of Health, raises concerns about the types of vaccines being mandated without thorough public discourse or consideration for individual medical histories.
5. **Erosion of Personal Freedom:** The bill's structure suggests a move towards [mandatory vaccinations](#), which could erode [personal freedoms](#) and set a dangerous precedent for future health policies.

I urge you to vote NO on HB1115 to preserve our fiscal responsibility, personal choice in healthcare, and to prevent the expansion of government control over individual health decisions.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Joanna Wheeler

Registered Voter

Fathers and Mothers for Children Kauai Chapter

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 1:26:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roger Christie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. What part of being already conquered by the COVID Plandemic don't government officials get? Please wake-up now. There are simple remedies available for those who are already jabbed.

Please deny any funds or permissions for further "Vaccinations" of our people. Thank you.

The Precautionary Principle and Scientific Method were NOT used by the D.O.H. and county governments for the COVID response. This was and remains malfeasance on a large scale. Please kill the bill.

The simple and inexpensive remedy for COVID was Ivermectin and it was ridiculed in a fraudulent psychological operation in favor of an intentional campaign to coerce innocent people into taking shots of experimental bioweapons without their full knowledge. Please kill the bill.

The unstated goal of mRNA injections, or "operating systems" includes turning humans into trans-humans and 'walking antennas' without their knowledge or consent. Please kill the bill.

Please take a look at "1p36 Deletion Syndrome". It's first on the list of 1291 Adverse Events of Special Interest that Pfizer tried to hide for 75 years concerning their "vaccines". Nothing says "safe and effective" like trying to hide 1291 'side-effects' for 75 years! Please kill the bill.

If you as decision makers in important health matters would please use the Precautionary Principle and the Scientific Method you would quickly find that there is solid evidence of foreign DNA in COVID injections; a very dangerous and potentially permanent effect. Please kill the bill.

I'm shocked that this legislation has gotten this far. Please kill the bill immediately and turn your attention to examining the mountain of evidence of provable DANGER (!) in the jabs. Thank you.

May unexpected blessings and love come to everyone and from everyone,

Roger Christie

The Hawai'i Cannabis THC Ministry

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**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 4:05:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alika Valdez	The Hawai'i Democratic Party	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

February 5, 2025

To: Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Health

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1115 RELATING TO UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION  
FUNDING PROGRAM.**

As a public health professional and concerned citizen, I support HB 1115.

As a child, I witnessed the health consequences when children do not receive vaccines.

My great grandmother became deaf at the age of 5 from an illness that is prevented by vaccines today. Measles, mumps, chicken pox and scarlet fever can cause hearing loss.

My grandmother had diphtheria as a child. She had lifelong lung damage and disability as a result.

I fear that new federal policies will make it more difficult and expensive to obtain vaccines. This program will ensure that vaccines remain available to our vulnerable children, youth, and elders. The benefits of saving lives and preventing chronic health conditions far outweighs the cost of purchasing and administering the vaccines.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:55:52 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dawn Poiani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**STRONGLY OPPOSE 1115 HB RELATING TO UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION FUNDING PROGRAM**

This is an absolute over reach of DOH role. Is the DOH now going into the business of drug dealing and negotiating prices? At what expense of the State of Hawaii. What vaccines? All on the childhood schedule? Only new vaccines introduced on the the market including unteste mRNA vaccines? This program looks expensive and a complete over reach of Hawaii's public health role. Also who wil these vaccines be distributed to? Is this only for uninsured? Will this include those with insurance and coverage? This bill is broad in language and now set fianacial limit. I do not see how a program like this would be beneficial to Hawaii and it is an over reach of Hawaii's role in public health.

Thank you,

Dawn P.

Honolulu, HI 96813

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 3:15:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kristin Cunningham	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Too much government tax money will be spent on the "covered costs" of vaccines. It opens the door to fraud, waste and abuse.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 4:57:34 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mari Grief	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a pediatric hospitalist in the community, and I am in strong support for this bill. By having this bill, it unburdens healthcare providers, thus improving access to immunizations for everyone in the state. It does this by centralizing and leveraging economies of scale in immunization purchasing. This is particularly needed with the current proposed changes to our DOH's immunization program. Please consider voting in favor of this bill.

Mahalo,

Dr. Mari Grief

Dear House Representatives Gregg Takayama and Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB1115, which aims to establish a Universal Funding Program to purchase immunizations at the federal cost for all providers in Hawai'i. This program would significantly improve access to affordable immunizations for individuals from birth to 64 years of age, ensuring that our community remains healthy and protected against preventable diseases. As a community pediatric doctor, I have seen firsthand the critical importance of immunizations in protecting the health and well-being of our community.

The proposed program will be self-sustaining by allowing insurance companies, both commercial and public (MedQuest), to cover the cost of immunizations along with an administrative fee to the Department of Health. This innovative approach not only makes immunizations more accessible but also ensures the program's financial viability in the long term.

I believe that HB1115 is a crucial step towards creating a healthier Hawai'i by making essential immunizations more affordable and accessible to all residents. By reducing the financial burden on both individuals and healthcare providers, this program will help prevent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases and ultimately save lives.

I urge you to support HB1115 and help make this important program a reality. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Arlene Parubrub Kiyohara, MD

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 5:56:58 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Philip Verhoef	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

To the chairs of the HLT Committee,

I am an ICU physician here in Hawaii, caring for both pediatric and adult critically ill patients and I strongly support this bill, as both a physician and as a parent.

As the COVID pandemic taught us, access to immunizations is critical to assuring that vulnerable populations can be protected from communicable diseases. The COVID vaccines were initially complicated and expensive to store and administer, meaning that most private physician's offices were unable to offer them (thus creating challenges for the public to access them). As a result, even now, it can be very difficult to find a provider willing to provide up to date COVID immunizations. On top of that, reimbursement from private insurers does not adequately cover costs of vaccine administration to private physicians, creating a disincentive to vaccines being offered. Indeed, my own family members have struggled to find providers willing to administer immunizations. This is a failure of the public health system in this state.

This bill will assure access to immunizations in Hawaii by eliminating the financial barriers that prevent access. On top of that, will almost certainly save the health care system money. This bill is not a mandate for people to receive vaccines; it simply removes barriers that prevent them from accessing them. Most importantly, it's the right thing to do because we know how important immunizations have been in protecting our community. It's a win/win. How could you not support this?

Thank you for your time.

-Philip A. Verhoef, MD, PhD, FAAP, FACP, ATSF

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:48:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ruben Ongos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL AND GOES AGAINST MY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.  
THIS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND VIOLATES MY 1ST AMMENDMENT RIGHTS!!!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:51:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly oppose this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:54:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Juliet	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Stop infringing on our constitutional rights!! Vaccines should be options to individuals. Not forced!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:57:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dayna Matsumura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I don't my taxes to go toward financing vaccines.

This bill goes hand in hand with HB1118, taking away religious exemptions.

i oppose this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:58:45 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dennyse Therese Baja	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:01:28 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lyle Nicely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose HB1115.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:01:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Garris	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

no distribution without liability

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:03:45 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Babin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

What happened to my body my choice. It's a violation of the 14th amendment. "No state shall make or enforce any law abridging the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States or deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of the law."

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:06:19 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Faga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:09:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keone Bee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:09:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcia M. Nagao, MD, MPH	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:10:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Maeva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:11:14 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin minnoch	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Is strong opposition of hb1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:12:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronny De Reis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:21:36 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeanine Acopan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The act of threat dictator, Green! Stay out of our personal lives!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:22:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:22:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chase	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:34:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Blake Soares	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:36:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
manndi kawasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:38:39 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Littleton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose everything about HB1115.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:41:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chelly Hasiak	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1115. This is a waste of a program. And do remember and keep in mind that not everyone trust or want some vaccines.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:41:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaeo Neal	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong opposition of HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:43:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Philip Trani IV	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

IN STRONG OPPOSITION OF HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:43:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon Queen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB1115, which proposes a universal immunization funding program in Hawaii. While public health is an important concern, I believe that this policy raises significant financial, ethical, and individual rights concerns that must be carefully considered.

A universal vaccination funding program would place a heavy financial burden on taxpayers, regardless of their personal stance on vaccinations. Given Hawaii’s existing budgetary challenges, including rising costs for housing, education, and healthcare, it is imprudent to allocate substantial public funds toward a program that benefits pharmaceutical companies while imposing additional costs on residents. Taxpayer money should be prioritized for more urgent healthcare and economic relief initiatives.

Mandating or universally funding vaccinations risks infringing on personal medical choices and bodily autonomy. Medical decisions should be left to individuals in consultation with their healthcare providers, not dictated by state-funded programs that assume a “one-size-fits-all” approach. Additionally, such policies may pressure individuals into compliance, disregarding their unique health concerns, religious beliefs, or personal convictions.

Not all vaccines carry the same level of necessity or risk for every individual. Blanket programs fail to account for varying medical conditions, prior immunity, or personal risk assessments. Rather than implementing universal funding, resources should be directed toward education and voluntary access, ensuring that individuals can make informed choices without government coercion.

Instead of a costly universal vaccination funding program, Hawaii should focus on targeted health initiatives. Recruitment and promotion of more holistic care practitioners would be a start.

While ensuring access to vaccines for those who seek them is important, a universal vaccination funding program is not the right approach. It places an unnecessary financial burden on taxpayers, risks government overreach, and disregards personal medical autonomy. I urge the legislature to reject HB1115 and instead pursue policies that empower individuals to make their own healthcare decisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Queen

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:44:08 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
karen Mountain	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need to stop spending money. No vaccine has ever cured anyone. I have never gotten a flu shot and I rarely get the flu. Maybe every 10 years or so. My dad is 85, never had a sick day in his life. Never had a flu shot. We need to stop giving people chemicals for no reason. If they want to be treated then they can pay for it!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:45:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michelle Hendricks	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No. No. No.

I do not want my tax dollars financing distribution of vaccines.

No. DOH and contractors would NOT be liable for their actions in operating the program.

And covered vaccinations are not decided by WE the people but others and include mRNA injections.

No. No. No. I oppose.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:47:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaipo Sarkissian Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in strong opposition on HB1115.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:47:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leah Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill goes against our constitutional rights. We the people deserve to have the freedom to to choose, whether we immunize ourselves or not. It is not to be mandated by the government. you cannot go against the constitution.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:48:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Troy Maruoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1115!!!!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:49:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Russell Garcia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose vaccines for children attending public schools it should be the parents decision. If this happens my children and grandchildren will not be going to school to much people I know died from covid vaccines . Also go to Vaers government website 1.3 million people with adverse reactions or 31 thousand died from covid vaccines . I oppose HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:52:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ailie Souriolle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is against the Constitution and religious freedom

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:06:39 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bradle Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Hawaii HB1115, which seeks to impose universal vaccination at the state level while providing little to no oversight and absolving the Hawaii Department of Health Services (HHS) of any and all liability. While the goal of increasing vaccination rates is commendable, this bill raises significant concerns regarding accountability and public trust.

Firstly, the lack of oversight in the proposed program is alarming. Without proper monitoring and evaluation, there is no guarantee that the vaccines will be administered safely and effectively. Oversight is crucial to ensure that any adverse reactions or issues are promptly addressed and that the program is achieving its intended goals.

Secondly, absolving the HHS of all liability is deeply troubling. This provision removes any accountability for the state in the event of vaccine-related injuries or other issues. It places an undue burden on individuals and families who may suffer harm as a result of the vaccination program. Accountability is essential to maintain public trust and ensure that the program operates in the best interest of the community.

I urge you to reconsider the provisions of Hawaii HB1115 and ensure that any vaccination program includes robust oversight and maintains accountability for the state. Public health initiatives must be transparent and accountable to gain the trust and cooperation of the community.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:12:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jesika H.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill and do not support my tax money funding vaccinations free of charge.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:13:06 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a disgusting misuse of our tax dollars. Vaccinations are a violation of my religious beliefs. My body my choice. My money my say. Do not use our tax dollars to fund this.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:17:46 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Opposition to Hawaii HB1115

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1115, which appears to be aimed at altering the management and disbursement of state funds, according to the information available on the web. My opposition is based on both common sense and legal grounds:

Common Sense Reasons:

1. **Transparency Issues:** The current proposal seems to expand the discretion over how funds are spent, potentially reducing [transparency](#). It's crucial for the public to have clear insights into how state funds are managed to maintain trust in government operations.
2. **Risk of Misallocation:** Allowing more flexible use of funds, as suggested by the bill, could lead to funds being diverted from their intended purposes. This could undermine the effectiveness of state programs meant to serve specific public needs.
3. **Accountability Concerns:** With increased flexibility in fund management comes the risk of decreased [accountability](#). Without stringent controls, there's a potential for misuse or mismanagement of public money, which goes against the principles of good governance.
4. **Budgetary Stability:** The bill's provisions might lead to less predictability in budgeting, as funds could be reallocated based on changing priorities or political agendas rather than planned fiscal strategies, potentially destabilizing financial planning for state services.

Legal Reasoning:

1. **[Constitutional Implications:](#)** Hawaii's Constitution mandates the responsible stewardship of state resources. HB1115's approach to fund management might conflict with these mandates by allowing too broad an interpretation of fund usage, potentially violating principles of fiscal responsibility as laid out in the state's foundational legal document.
2. **[Separation of Powers:](#)** There's a risk that this bill could inadvertently allow for an executive overreach by diluting the legislative oversight on budget and expenditures. The balance of power, crucial for checks and balances, could be disturbed if funds are managed with less legislative supervision.
3. **[Public Trust Doctrine:](#)** Under this doctrine, state resources, including funds, are held in trust for the public good. HB1115 might not ensure that this trust is maintained,

especially if it leads to funds being used in ways not originally authorized or intended by the legislature.

4. [Statutory Interpretation](#): The language of the bill, if it allows for attorney's fees and other expenses from specific accounts without clear limitations, could be seen as contrary to the established statutory interpretation that requires explicit legislative authority for such expenditures.
5. Potential for [Legal Challenges](#): Given the changes to fund management, there might be an increase in legal challenges concerning the propriety of fund use under this new system, leading to litigation and administrative burdens for the state.
6. [Compliance with Federal Standards](#): If state funds are mixed or used in ways that conflict with federal funding stipulations or grants, there could be legal and financial repercussions, including the loss of federal funds or the need for repayment.

In light of these concerns, I urge the committee to oppose HB1115 or to at least amend it to include robust safeguards for transparency, accountability, and adherence to legal and constitutional standards. We must protect the integrity of our fiscal management processes to ensure that state funds serve the public interest as intended.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Larry Duclayan

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:19:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:21:52 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kasey Tabar	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong Opposition

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:27:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Yumi Moore	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB1115, which seeks to establish a universal immunization funding program in Hawaii. While I support accessible healthcare and informed medical choices, I am deeply concerned about several aspects of this bill that could negatively impact our community.

1. Taxpayer Burden & Lack of Transparency

This bill proposes to finance vaccine distribution using taxpayer dollars without clear oversight. It is crucial that any public health program funded by taxpayers undergo rigorous scrutiny, including budget transparency, clear guidelines on expenditure, and public accountability.

2. Parental and Individual Rights

The bill extends vaccine coverage to all children and adults in Hawaii, yet it does not explicitly address parental consent, exemptions, or informed decision-making. Medical decisions should remain a personal and family choice, and no government program should infringe on individual rights.

3. Liability Exemptions for Program Operators

The provision shielding the Department of Health, contractors, and employees from liability raises serious concerns about accountability. If issues arise due to program mismanagement or adverse vaccine reactions, affected individuals and families must have a clear avenue for recourse.

4. Inclusion of mRNA Vaccines Without Public Input

The bill allows the Department of Health to determine covered vaccinations, including mRNA injections, without explicit legislative approval or public discussion. Given the ongoing debates and evolving scientific data on long-term effects, these decisions should not be made unilaterally by unelected officials.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to reject HB1115 or, at the very least, amend it to ensure financial accountability, safeguard individual rights, and include liability protections for affected citizens.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Yumi Moore



**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:30:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nalani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose to bill hb1115.

mahalo,

nalani

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:35:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE** this Bill which has many potential issues as outlined below. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

Here are some potential problems or criticisms associated with the bill as outlined:

**Financial Impact on Insurance Companies and Health Carriers:**

Assessment Costs: The bill imposes assessments on insurance companies and health carriers to fund the program. This could increase operational costs for these entities, potentially leading to higher premiums for consumers or reduced profitability for the insurers.

**Administrative Burden:**

Reporting and Auditing Requirements: The detailed reporting and auditing requirements could impose significant administrative work on assessed entities, potentially straining smaller organizations or those with less administrative capacity.

**Potential for Overreach or Misuse of Funds:**

Special Fund Management: There's a risk that the special fund might not be managed efficiently, or funds could be misallocated if there isn't strict oversight and transparency in how the money is used.

**Impact on Healthcare Providers:**

Provider Dependence on State Supplies: Providers must rely on state-supplied immunizations, which might limit their ability to stock vaccines from other sources. This could be problematic if there are delays or shortages in state supply.

**Choice and Flexibility:**

Limited Vaccine Options: The bill stipulates that the state will choose which vaccines are available under the UP program, which might reduce the variety of vaccine options available to patients or providers, potentially affecting patient care based on specific health needs or preferences.

**Legal and Compliance Risks:**

Fines and Penalties: The stringent requirements for compliance, with fines for non-compliance, could lead to legal challenges or disputes, especially if the rules or their enforcement are seen as overly punitive or unclear.

**Potential for Inequity in Coverage:**

Coverage Disparities: While the program aims to provide immunizations at no cost, there might be disparities in how this is implemented across different demographics or geographical areas within Hawaii, potentially leading to unequal access to these services.

**Market Dynamics:**

Effect on Private Market: By mandating state procurement and distribution, the bill might reduce the role of private sector involvement in vaccine distribution, which could affect innovation, competition, and efficiency in vaccine supply.

**Emergency Response Concerns:**

Centralized Control: Although aimed at ensuring quick supply during emergencies, centralizing the supply chain under state control might introduce risks if the state's logistics or decision-making processes are not agile or responsive enough during actual health crises.

**Public Trust and Acceptance:**

Perception of Government Overreach: Some might view the state's increased role in vaccine distribution as an example of government overreach, potentially leading to public distrust or resistance to vaccination programs.

While the bill aims to enhance public health by providing universal access to immunizations, these potential issues are plenty reason to abandon this Bill and not pass it through this committee.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:40:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Celle Galarza	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I strongly oppose to using tax dollars to fund vaccines or anything related to it. I find it totally unnecessary and absurd this is even up for discussion. Please use our tax dollars for more noble, ethical and needed issues.

Mahalo, Celle Galarza

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:46:48 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dorinda Ohelo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill wholeheartedly.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:47:56 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dakota Papapa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:55:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I totally oppose HB1115 mainly because this proposed bill is unconstitutional and viciously immoral to mankind.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:00:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bart Burford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the health of our Keiki and the rights of the people, as protected by both the Constitution & Bill of Rights!

## **Subject: Strong Opposition to HB1115 – Government Overreach and Financial Recklessness**

To Whom this May Concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB1115, which seeks to establish the Universal Immunization Purchase Special Fund. This bill is yet another example of government overreach that forces taxpayers to fund a centralized vaccination program without transparency, accountability, or consent. It is an unnecessary and reckless use of public funds that undermines both medical freedom and fiscal responsibility.

### **Government-Controlled Healthcare Is a Slippery Slope**

HB1115 is a step toward expanding government control over personal medical decisions. By creating a state-run fund to purchase and distribute vaccines, this bill paves the way for further mandates, coercion, and the erosion of individual choice. The government has no business interfering with what should be a personal, doctor-patient decision.

Furthermore, this fund is likely to be used as a justification for future policies that pressure individuals to comply with state-recommended medical interventions, regardless of personal beliefs or medical circumstances. Given past (and current) attempts to remove personal and religious exemptions from vaccination requirements, it is not unreasonable to suspect that this bill could serve as a precursor to more aggressive policies that strip individuals of their rights.

### **Massive Financial Burden Without Taxpayer Consent**

HB1115 creates a massive financial liability for the state with no clear funding mechanism. How will this program be paid for? Will it require increased taxes, reallocation of essential resources, or reliance on federal grants with strings attached? Hawai'i taxpayers deserve answers.

Public funds should be used for essential services—not for purchasing pharmaceuticals on behalf of private entities. The state should not be acting as a middleman between pharmaceutical companies and healthcare providers. This bill is nothing more than a taxpayer-funded handout to vaccine manufacturers, which already generate billions in profit each year.

### **Administrative Inefficiency and Corruption Risks**

The government has a long history of mismanaging public funds, and there is no reason to believe HB1115 would be any different. A state-run immunization fund will create unnecessary layers of bureaucracy, increasing administrative costs while reducing efficiency. How will the state ensure that funds are not misallocated? What oversight will exist to prevent corruption or conflicts of interest? The bill provides no concrete answers.

This legislation will only grow government waste while limiting competition and consumer choice in the healthcare market. Centralized control over vaccine purchasing could lead to price manipulation, supply shortages, and preferential treatment for certain manufacturers—all at the taxpayer's expense.

### **A Smarter Approach: Trust the People, Not the Government**

If the state truly wants to increase vaccination access, there are better ways to achieve that goal. Strengthening existing private-sector initiatives, reducing regulatory barriers, and promoting education rather than coercion would be far more effective and less burdensome on taxpayers.

Hawai'i does not need another bloated government program that forces citizens to subsidize pharmaceutical companies while eroding medical freedom.

### **Conclusion: HB1115 Must Be Rejected**

This bill is not about public health—it's about control and corporate welfare. It places an unjust financial burden on taxpayers, increases government interference in healthcare, and paves the way for future medical mandates. The people of Hawai'i deserve better.

I urge you to vote **NO** on HB1115 and stand for fiscal responsibility, personal freedom, and medical choice.

Sincerely,

Brittini Paiva

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:07:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
TiaLynn Coryell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed - we choose what goes into our keiki body!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:10:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephanie Maldonado	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Our tax dollars should not be spent on this measure. If people

would like to get vaccinated it should be on their own dime, as well as the insurance companies.  
NOT ALL OF US AGREE WITH VACCINATIONS SO WE SHOULD NOT BE PAYING  
FOR THEM!!!!

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES SHOULD BE HELD LIABLE. If their product is safe,  
why not be liable??? Think of the PEOPLE and NOT YOUR POCKETS! We will not stand for  
this!!!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:16:25 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose a universal immunization program and the funding of it by my tax money. Also the fact that the drug companies will not be held accountable if their product causes harm. A great example is the Covid shots. It harmed so many people. Vaccines should be by choice. My body my choice and I pay for it myself if that's what I want.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:18:07 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dr. Casandra Simonson, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

2/5/2025

Dr. Casandra Simonson MD FAAP

Testimony for HB1115

In Support

My name is Dr. Casandra Simonson. I'm a pediatrician in Maui, where I have worked with the underserved and Native Hawaiian keiki for over 10 years. I'm speaking today on my own behalf and not representing anyone else, in strong support of HB1115 to establish an immunization funding program. I support it because I do not want to see any keiki sickened or worse die from a preventable infection.

With the uncertainty at the federal level, it is imperative that Hawaii must shore up our public health defense and secure our own supply of immunizations. We may not be able to rely on the federal government to supply or pay for them much longer. We have already seen whooping cough outbreaks in these last few months and we are facing a high risk of more outbreaks due to lower and lower rates of immunization. In many areas of Maui, only around 35% of keiki under 2 years are fully immunized. (<https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/resources/reports/immunization-examination-requirements/>)

I am concerned about many types of outbreaks but none more so than measles. Herd immunity to prevent measles requires immunization rates >94% and I just mentioned that Maui has many pockets immunized at only 35%. (<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/p1123-measles-threat.html>)

Consider the damage covid did to the world. Covid can survive in air for around 14 minutes but measles lives for around 2 hours and infects at extremely high rates. (<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/measles>, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/14/health/coronavirus-infections.html> )

Covid's isolation time is 5 days. Measles' isolation period is up to 21 days which would mean so much missed work and school for families.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/Measles-Quicksheet.pdf>

Our state was nearly crippled by covid and would most certainly be crippled by a measles outbreak. Imagine the hit to tourism. Maui has no ICU beds for children and like all the outer islands, we rely on transport to Oahu for our critically ill keiki. We will not be able to mitigate an outbreak of measles easily. Our only hope is to increase our immunization rates. We must have a reliable immunization supply if we are going to prevent children from dying. I hope none you have ever watched a child die from meningitis. I, unfortunately, have and that is why I am here today. Please consider how vulnerable our keiki are and how much power you have to protect them. That power is before you now and I hope you want your voting record to reflect that you acted to protect children by supporting HB1115.

Thank you to the chair, vice chair, and committee for your time and consideration.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:22:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob Wiencek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

Ensuring higher levels of vaccination are critical to public health and wellbeing. This program provides the right amount of support to accomplish these ends. I urge this Committee to SUPPORT this bill!

**Subject: STRONG OPPOSITION to HB1115 – Stop Government Overreach & Wasteful Spending**

To Whom this May Concern,

I **strongly** oppose HB1115, which seeks to establish the Universal Immunization Purchase Special Fund. This bill amounts to a taxpayer-funded giveaway to pharmaceutical companies, increasing government control over healthcare while stripping away transparency and choice.

Forcing the public to fund mass vaccine purchases without consent is reckless and unjust. This fund would create **bureaucratic waste, financial mismanagement, and a dangerous precedent for government-mandated medical programs.** The people of Hawai'i should not be forced to bankroll a system that benefits corporations while eroding individual rights.

This bill is unnecessary, irresponsible, and a blatant overreach. **Vote NO on HB1115** and stand for fiscal responsibility, medical freedom, and personal choice.

Sincerely,

LeAnn Takayama-Paiva

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:26:58 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Darian	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1115, which expands government funding for universal immunization programs. While public health is important, this bill raises serious concerns about medical freedom, parental rights, and fiscal responsibility.

This legislation could lead to increased government control over vaccination policies, including mandates that disregard personal, religious, and medical exemptions. Families must retain the right to make informed medical decisions without coercion or government overreach.

Additionally, expanding vaccine funding could place an unnecessary financial burden on taxpayers and businesses. Given the billions already spent on vaccination programs, forcing further funding without accountability is an irresponsible use of public resources.

Medical decisions should be made by families and individuals, not the government. I urge you to NOT PASS HB1115 and ensure that healthcare choices remain private, voluntary, and free from financial coercion.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:29:45 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kehaulani Feleciano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose as we have many other pressing issues that would be a better use of our tax dollars.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:37:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Faye Chieko Shimizu	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I don't agree funding a Universal Immunization program with our tax dollars so the government can force and coerce us into getting vaccinated. You are taking away our FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:40:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee Chair Takayama and members of the committee:

As a pediatrician I support this bill to protect the health of keiki in our schools.

Sincerely,

Michael Ching MD

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:41:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaipo Bee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL 1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:50:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sarah Barientos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose the Universal Immunization Funding Program, which forces taxpayers to finance a system that removes personal choice, lacks transparency, and expands government control over medical decisions while shielding those responsible from accountability.

This program disregards individual rights by using taxpayer money to fund and enforce widespread immunization, potentially overriding personal, religious, and medical freedoms. Medical decisions should remain personal, not dictated by government programs that are funded by the public without their consent.

Taxpayers deserve to know where their money is going. Under this program, public funds will finance healthcare providers, Department of Health (DOH) independent contractors, and employees—yet none of them are held liable for any actions taken in operating the program. This removes accountability and leaves individuals without legal recourse if they suffer harm from covered vaccinations. Additionally, the DOH has sole authority to decide which vaccines are included, including mRNA injections, without public input or legislative oversight. Who truly benefits—public health or pharmaceutical companies profiting from government contracts? Without clear oversight, this program opens the door to waste, corruption, and the misuse of public funds.

History has shown that when governments overreach, freedoms are lost. Today, it's universal immunization funding—what's next? Could this pave the way for mandatory medical treatments, employment restrictions, or penalties for non-compliance? By allowing unelected officials to dictate medical policy while removing accountability, this program sets a precedent for even greater government interference in personal health decisions.

Lawmakers must reject this program and uphold individual rights. Taxpayer money should not be used to fund a system that removes choice, lacks transparency, and protects those in power from accountability. If we allow this infringement today, what liberties will be stripped from us tomorrow?

To those in power: Do you not see the harm you are enabling? How can you, in good conscience, strip away the rights of the very people who placed their trust in you? The decisions you make today will define your legacy—will you be remembered as defenders of freedom, or as the architects of government overreach? Stand with the people, not against them. Protect the rights you swore to uphold before it is too late.

Lawmakers must reject this program and uphold individual rights. Taxpayer money should not be used to fund a system that removes choice, lacks transparency, and protects those in power from accountability. If we allow this infringement today, what liberties will be stripped from us tomorrow?

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:55:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose Hawai‘i State Bill 1115 HB, which seeks to establish a universal immunization funding program. While public health initiatives are important, this bill infringes upon fundamental constitutional rights and raises serious concerns regarding medical freedom, bodily autonomy, and government overreach.

**Violation of Constitutional Rights**

- Infringement on Individual Liberty (14th Amendment):** The Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees individuals the right to due process and personal liberty. Mandatory immunization programs, particularly when state-funded and universally imposed, infringe upon a citizen’s right to make informed medical decisions for themselves and their families.
- Violation of Religious Freedom (1st Amendment):** Many individuals hold religious or philosophical objections to vaccinations. The First Amendment protects the free exercise of religion, and by implementing a universal immunization funding program, the state is effectively coercing individuals into compliance with a medical intervention that may conflict with their sincerely held beliefs.
- Government Overreach and Parental Rights:** Parents have a fundamental right to make medical decisions for their children. This bill undermines parental authority by increasing governmental influence over healthcare decisions, potentially coercing families into compliance through state funding mechanisms.

**Ethical and Practical Concerns**

- Lack of Informed Consent Protections:** Medical interventions should be based on informed consent, where individuals are fully aware of risks and benefits before making a choice. A state-funded program risks creating an environment where individuals feel pressured or coerced into receiving vaccines, rather than making voluntary decisions.
- Potential for Future Mandates:** While the bill currently focuses on funding, it could pave the way for future legislation that mandates vaccinations without exemptions, further infringing on personal freedoms.

- **Financial and Legal Implications:** The use of taxpayer dollars to fund universal immunizations raises questions about financial accountability and whether such funds could be better allocated to other pressing healthcare needs.

## **Conclusion**

While public health is a shared responsibility, it must not come at the cost of individual freedoms and constitutional rights. Medical decisions should remain a personal choice, free from governmental pressure or coercion. For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to reject HB 1115 and uphold the constitutional liberties of Hawai'i's residents.

Mahalo you for your time and consideration,

Darren C. Clemen

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:57:39 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas Zehr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I write in strong opposition to HB1115, which seeks to establish a state-run Universal Immunization Funding Program. While I recognize the importance of public health, this bill represents an unnecessary expansion of government power, undermines individual medical freedom, distorts market competition, and imposes financial burdens on businesses and consumers.

This bill **grants the Hawaii Department of Health unchecked authority** to control vaccine procurement and distribution, setting a dangerous precedent for government intrusion into personal medical decisions. While proponents claim the bill merely facilitates vaccine availability, it **effectively mandates financial participation from private insurers and self-insured businesses, coercing them into funding a government-controlled program.** Medical decisions, including immunizations, should remain personal choices made between individuals and their healthcare providers—not dictated by bureaucratic mandates or financial penalties.

**The proposed assessment on insurers and self-insured businesses will inevitably increase healthcare costs, leading to higher insurance premiums for Hawaii’s working families and small businesses.** Proponents argue that centralized purchasing will reduce costs, but history shows that government-administered healthcare programs are often plagued by inefficiencies, cost overruns, and bureaucratic waste. A market-driven approach—allowing providers, insurers, and consumers to make independent choices—would foster competition, drive innovation, and ultimately keep costs lower.

**Centralized vaccine procurement creates a single point of failure,** making Hawaii’s healthcare system more vulnerable to shortages, logistical bottlenecks, and bureaucratic mismanagement. Private-sector supply chains are more agile and responsive in adapting to shortages or emergencies than a rigid, state-run system. By monopolizing vaccine distribution, this bill removes incentives for efficiency and flexibility in the private market.

This legislation opens the door for future government overreach. Today, it is about state-funded immunization procurement; tomorrow, it could lead to coercive mandates on individuals or businesses. The bill gives broad discretion to the Department of Health to expand the list of required vaccines without legislative oversight, eroding public trust and setting a dangerous precedent for unchecked government authority in medical decision-making.

Rather than expanding government control, the Legislature should consider market-based solutions to improve vaccine accessibility, such as:

- Encouraging private-sector cooperative purchasing programs to leverage competitive pricing.
- Providing tax incentives for healthcare providers that offer immunizations at reduced costs.
- Expanding education and outreach efforts to increase voluntary vaccination rates through informed choice rather than coercion.

Public health initiatives should not come at the cost of personal freedom, economic stability, and market competition. This bill is not a solution—it is an unnecessary government intervention that creates more problems than it solves. I urge the committee to reject HB1115 and instead support policies that uphold medical choice, promote economic freedom, and encourage market-driven solutions to public health challenges.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Zehr

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:05:34 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamara Mckay	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am writing in **strong opposition** to **HB1115**, which proposes the creation of a **Universal Immunization Funding Program** that would use taxpayer dollars to purchase and distribute vaccines free of charge. This bill represents a **massive overreach of government power**, a **violation of constitutional rights**, and a **misuse of public funds**.

**We Do Not Want Our Tax Dollars Funding Universal Immunization**

The **government should not be in the business of funding and distributing vaccines**, particularly when many Americans have **serious concerns** about the safety and effectiveness of certain immunizations, especially **mRNA-based injections**.

- **This bill forces taxpayers to pay for medical procedures they may personally oppose.**
- **Tax dollars should not be used to fund a blanket immunization program when many individuals do not want these shots.**
- **There are already federal programs to assist those who need vaccinations, making this bill an unnecessary and costly redundancy.**

**Demand for Accountability – Who Will Be Held Responsible for Vaccine Injuries?**

If the state wants to mandate and distribute vaccines, **it must also take full responsibility for any adverse reactions**. HB1115 does not provide any accountability for **vaccine-related injuries**, which have been well-documented.

- **We demand that the Department of Health, independent contractors, employees, and anyone involved in the administration of these vaccines be held accountable for any adverse reactions.**
- **The bill specifically grants immunity to these parties (Section 321- Immunity), which is unacceptable.** If the government forces or funds medical treatments, it must take responsibility for negative outcomes.
- **If vaccines are truly safe, why does the bill include legal protection for those administering them?**

## **Keep the Department of Health and mRNA Injections Away from the People**

The **Department of Health** should not be given sweeping authority to dictate medical decisions for individuals. Many **peer-reviewed studies** have shown the risks associated with **mRNA injections**, including **heart inflammation (myocarditis/pericarditis)**, **blood clotting disorders**, and **immune dysfunction**.

- **This bill promotes the very type of experimental medicine that many citizens oppose.**
- **Hawaii should respect medical freedom, not push government-driven immunization programs with taxpayer dollars.**
- **The push for universal immunization funding ignores natural immunity and individualized medical decisions.**

## **HB1115 is an Unconstitutional Government Overreach**

This bill violates **fundamental constitutional rights** and sets a dangerous precedent for **government-mandated medicine**.

- **First Amendment** – Forces religious taxpayers to fund vaccines, even if it violates their religious beliefs.
- **Fourteenth Amendment** – Violates due process by interfering with personal medical choices and forcing taxpayer funding of medical treatments.
- **Ninth Amendment** – Takes away the right of individuals to make their own healthcare decisions without government interference.

## **HB1115 is a Step Toward Mandatory Vaccines for All**

If this bill passes, what is next? Will the state **mandate vaccines for all adults**? Will parents be **punished for refusing vaccines for their children**? This is a **slippery slope toward complete government control over medical decisions**.

## **Vote NO on HB1115 – Stop Government-Controlled Medicine**

Hawaii does **not** need a taxpayer-funded immunization program that ignores **individual choice and medical freedom**. I urge you to **oppose HB1115** and **defend the rights of the people against forced government healthcare programs**.

**Vote NO on HB1115.**

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:38:08 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Toyofuku	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama and Members of the House Health Committee,

I strongly **OPPOSE HB1115** RELATING TO THE UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION FUNDING PROGRAM. This grievous bill will establish a Universal Immunization Purchase Special Fund into which fees will be deposited to finance the distribution of immunizations free of charge to qualifying healthcare providers.

*This Universal Purchase program “will allow state health officials to manage the supply of immunizations lowered health care providers' administrative costs and ensure that the states can quickly supply immunizations to vulnerable patient groups during emergencies or immunization shortages. The potential benefits to Hawaii's health care and public health system make investment in a UP program worthwhile”.* **THIS IS NOT A WORTHWHILE PROGRAM!!!**

Your constituents of these beautiful islands of Hawaii are waking up to the vaccination agendas that have burdened us in the past. We will no longer tolerate further funding to such agendas that are NOT in the best interest of our health care.

We have been shocked, saddened and outraged to research what immunizations or vaccines are doing in the bloodstreams and in the bodies of our keiki and ohana. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting system data indicate vaccines causing death, brain damage, crippling diseases, neurological disorders such as autism and other childhood disorders. Medical research cited in numerous journals confirm that foreign genetic material from vaccines can cause mutations in human cells, leading to cancer and other autoimmune diseases. Our children are the most highly vaccinated children in the world and they are among the most chronically ill and disabled. **PLEASE DO YOUR OWN DILIGENT RESEARCH!** We also have highly qualified health advocates that can provide you with more documentation that you may need to make a wise decision.

A different perspective of health care is required to reform and transform our state's and country's medical system. Avoiding known toxins into our bodies, along with promoting a proper diet and healthy lifestyle will nourish and strengthen our God-given immune system and enhance our natural immunity against disease. Many parents are becoming proactive and relentless in seeking independent research and opinions on their own. With the help of the internet and other resources, parents are now able to find factual research on vaccines and read it for themselves.

Today, we have a House bill further funding a very unhealthy and unworthy program. Funds should be re-allocated instead into healthier programs that truly benefit the people of Hawaii. Please do NOT pass HB1115 out of your Health Committee!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:46:18 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sur Carbonell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:51:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill !

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:52:09 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill !

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:52:37 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill !

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:05:52 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Karese Miguel-Hamakua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1115.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:10:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Erzsi Palko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To members of the Hawai'i House of Representatives:

I am urgently requesting that members of the House consider the following reasons for voting "NO" on HB1115:

With an almost 2 billion dollar deficit (and a crisis coming due to the silver tsunami of state retirement benefits), what justification is there for using tax payer money to buy out pharmaceutical products?

There are already long-functioning systems in place for the purchase and dispersal of pharmaceutical products through health care providers.

I urge you to prioritize fiscal responsibility to the people and children of Hawai'i over pharmaceutical company buy-outs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:33:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kea Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG OPPOSITION to HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:54:28 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jaime Moniz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose to HB1115.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 12:10:06 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Renee Dieperink	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE HB1115.

First: Make vaccine manufacturers liable again!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 12:50:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tracey Beaudry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. My tax dollars should not be used to pay for vaccines. Stop wasting tax dollars on vaccines!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 1:15:11 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dan Beaudry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop wasting money

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 1:54:09 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa Kim	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. Next to clean drinking water, clean air, handwashing, and good nutrition, vaccines have saved more lives than any other public health intervention in modern history. Due to Hawaii’s position as a non-contiguous state, it can be difficult & expensive to order small quantities of each vaccine our office will need and to know when to order them. Shipping times vary and in the past we had to create a wait list of patients needing vaccines when our orders did not arrive on time. This reflects our normal operating years. As Alaska has done in response to the federal vaccine purchasing cuts in 2011, creating a Hawaii universal vaccine fund/purchasing program would support pediatricians by lowering healthcare costs and ultimately help hold down rising premium costs for individuals and benefit costs for employers. It would also enhance vaccine access to keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times. Mahalo!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 5:17:49 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jackie Hester	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha - I'm opposed to this unconstitutional proposed bill, HB1115. This bill violates children's rights as well as parental rights. This bill violates Individual rights to medical autonomy in addition to religious exemption. No government should overstep our personal freedoms and liberty in this manner. It's offensive that these laws are being proposed in the first place. Take a hike with your sadistic and ridiculous medical bills. Leave the kids alone! Leave the kupuna alone. Leave all of us to make our own choices. These vaccines are not safe. Not fully tested. It's not the job of government to control what we eat, what vaxes we choose and when/if we choose them! Stop the lunacy! Say no to this bill!

Mahalo, Jackie Hester - big island resident

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 5:27:36 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tashya Whitehead	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 5:47:32 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this tyrannical piece of legislation! This bill removes our freedom of choice and I'm appalled that it's even being introduced! Stop this bill!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 5:51:02 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bernice Jarra	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill HB1115. First you want to remove religious exemption from our children to get vaccinated to Vaccinations will be free?! And there won't be any responsibility from DOH or Josh Green if vaccines affects our health?! They should be reliable.

I feel we as an US citizen amd parent we have the right / freedom to practice our Constitution, if we choose to be vaccinated or not. We shall not be forced to be vaccinated as we do live in America, the land of the free. Thank you

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 5:53:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE 1115.

My body, my choice. No one should be obligated to live the same life as others.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:24:13 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter Roa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We the people oppose this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:25:31 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lindsey Heathcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:34:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michelle Saito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:37:15 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Allen Heathcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:38:32 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Gellert	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha HLT Committee,

My name is Jessica Gellert , and I am writing in strong opposition to HB1115. As a parent, I firmly believe that the government should not have the power to override my rights when it comes to making decisions for my children. I know my children better than anyone. The old saying “mother knows best” is accurate. HB1115 is a dangerous overreach that strips parents of their fundamental right to make informed choices based on their religious beliefs and personal convictions.

HB 1115 is unconstitutional. The First Amendment guarantees freedom of religion, and this bill directly infringes upon that right by eliminating religious exemptions for vaccinations. Our nation was founded on principles that protect individuals from government interference in matters of faith and personal conscience. Parents—not the government—are best equipped to decide what is in the best interest of their children’s health and well-being.

Furthermore, science itself acknowledges that vaccines are not 100% effective or without risk. Every medical procedure carries potential side effects, and there have been documented cases of vaccine injuries, as recorded in the CDC’s Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Adverse effects are also under reported. Some vaccines have been linked to serious adverse effects and even death. When there is risk, there must be a choice.

Despite injuries and death from their products, vaccine manufacturers have zero liability. In 1986, Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA), which granted pharmaceutical companies full immunity from lawsuits related to vaccine injuries. This means that if a child is injured by a vaccine, parents cannot sue the manufacturer. Instead, they must file a claim through the government-run Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP), which has paid out over \$4.9 billion to families of those injured or killed by vaccines. So, our tax dollars are paying for injuries caused by vaccine manufacturers and they get off scott free and don’t need to make sure their vaccines are truly safe and effective??? How is this in the best interest of the the American people?

Most do not realize that several common vaccines were developed using fetal cell lines derived from aborted fetuses. These fetal cell lines, such as WI-38 and MRC-5, originated from abortions performed in the 1960s and 1970s. These cells have been replicated in laboratories for decades and are used to grow viruses needed for vaccine production.

Vaccines that have been developed or tested using fetal cell lines include:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) – Uses WI-38 and MRC-5 fetal cell lines.
- Chickenpox (Varicella) – Uses MRC-5 fetal cells.
- Hepatitis A – Uses MRC-5 fetal cells.
- Some COVID-19 vaccines – The Johnson & Johnson vaccine used PER.C6 fetal cell lines in production, while Pfizer and Moderna used fetal cell lines in early testing.

Using a vaccine developed from aborted fetal cells is a direct violation of my deeply held religious beliefs. It is morally unacceptable to force parents to inject their children with a product that was derived from the destruction of innocent human life. Religious exemptions exist to protect the right of parents to refuse medical treatments that conflict with their faith and moral convictions.

Removing this exemption forces families to choose between their religious beliefs and government mandates—a clear violation of religious liberty.

### **A Real Focus on Public Health**

If the government truly cares about public health, let's focus on real solutions in school guarantee to improve the well-being of our keiki:

Healthier food options – Childhood obesity and diabetes are on the rise due to processed foods and poor nutrition. Instead of government mandates, let's invest in better school lunches and local agriculture programs.

More physical activity – Kids today spend more time on screens than ever before. Instead of restricting parental rights, let's promote outdoor activities, community sports, and active lifestyles.

Mental health awareness – Anxiety and depression among children are at crisis levels. Let's provide better resources for families to support their children's emotional and psychological health.

### **Protect Parental Rights – Vote NO on HB1115**

Parental rights and religious freedom are cornerstones of our democracy. HB1115 sets a dangerous precedent by allowing the government to dictate what is best for our children, rather than trusting parents to make those choices.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on HB1115 and stand for parental rights, religious freedom, and medical choice.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and for serving our great state as leaders.  
God bless you all!

Sincerely,  
Jessica Gellert  
Mother of 4  
Wahiawa Resident

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:43:50 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:48:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leona Leialoha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill!!!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:48:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
GEORGE ROSS	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing as a concerned citizen and retired Hawaii physician in support of hb1115 that would allow state run vaccine stocks to be shared with private insurance companies thereby improving access to these vital medications. Thank you.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:00:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Miranda Bacon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

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Thank you,

Miranda Bacon

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:12:34 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tracie Ann M Tjapkes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine a doctor's office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling them to pay only for the vaccines they use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:13:26 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Betty P Ross	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and grandparent, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling them to pay only for the vaccines they use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:17:23 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Summer Mochida-Meek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1115.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:19:19 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maureen Chang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Thank you very much for your consideration,

Maureen Chang MD

John A. Burns Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Kapiolani Medical Center Community Pediatric Division

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:19:28 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carol Maxym	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:20:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kristyn Nishimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:23:35 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David P. Alvarado Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly opposed to this bill (HB1115). Forcing people, especially kids to forcibly take vaccines that could be potentially harmful, should never be allowed. Protect the children at all costs!!!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:23:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:24:13 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christie Nemoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pharmacist and concerned parent, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:25:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
samantha duff	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill due to the numerous questionable overreach that is part of this bill. The government and our it's citizens tax dollars should not be covering the cost to purchase vaccinations and should be the responsibility of individual health care. We should not be funding private corporations that then allow them to charge the maximum cost of the product knowing they have a fat government check coming their way with no accountability. The fact that DOH and independent contractos and employees are not liable for any action relating to hte program has red flags all over it. What are you scared of if this this program is so safe? Why remove yourself from liability? The bill's first sentence boasts that fourteen other states have adopted similar programs. This means nothing when it is less than a 1/3 of hte US and that doesn't mean these other states have made good decisions in the past.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:27:00 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Erika Phelps Nishiguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatric subspecialist in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. In my subspeciality, I care for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and rare genetic diseases. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

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Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Teresa Chao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 1115 for the creation of an universal vaccine funding program for the following reasons:

According to available data, approximately 17.8% of Hawaii residents have Medicaid, while around 2.8% are uninsured, with the majority of the insured population likely covered by private insurance through employer-sponsored plans.

You are trying to serve 2.8% of the population. However, in reality this population has access to health care and vaccines through the 67 FQHC's that exist throughout the Hawaiian Islands, so the intent of this bill is misleading. Children on medicaid or private insurance have access to any and all regular vaccines on the CDC schedule as well as adults who have insurance and medicaid.

I believe this fund will become a slush fund which will go on collecting fees for decades without end and failing to serve its intended purpose. The rail tax is a perfect example.

Health does not come by a vaccine but through nutrition and exercise. They are free and lead to longer lives.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:28:54 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lori Yamanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:33:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to HB1115.

First, our Governor wants to remove any religious exemption to his mandated vaccines. So now, of course, he wants US, the taxpayer, to fund it! Does his stomping on individual rights never end?!? It's bad enough that Dr Green feels he must play god when it comes to an individual's right to make their own medical decisions, but to make the "peasants" pay for their own way is out of the question.

The Governor also feels that he and his Dept of Health are the sole beneficiaries of all wisdom when it comes to my health and wellbeing. If this is the case why, then, does he also remove any/all liability from all of those making these requirements? You can't have it both ways, Dr Green. If you're going to step up to the plate, you should have some personal "skin" in the game.

I urge the committee to reject this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:34:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Yolanda Wu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

Sincerely

Yolanda Wu, MD

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Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:36:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Randal Wada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric hematologist/oncologist and I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

Randal Wada, MD

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:38:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyra Len	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric hospitalist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

Kyra Len

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:39:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nathalie Champion	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1115

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:40:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:42:19 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Iwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a neonatologist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. This is particularly important for our most vulnerable premature and sick infants. They undergo so much to be able to survive and go home. Protecting them from **preventable** diseases as they continue to grow and become vital members of our society is invaluable. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:44:39 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Trevor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**UNCONSTITUTIONAL.**

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:47:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer King	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric specialist sports medicine physician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Our Keiki are in very close contact when they participate in sports and physical activity and immunity is essential to keep them healthy. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:53:05 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brenda Nishikawa, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i support this bill to help children get vaccinated

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:56:20 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Di Rocco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115. Availability of vaccines for all of our keiki is paramount to their health and success.

Mahalo

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:57:36 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ricardo Molero Bravo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an Obgyn specialist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:58:55 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vince Yamashiroya, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:59:08 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Harrington, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric intensivist (ICU doc for non-neonates), I STRONGLY support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. I was the clinician from Hawaii who worked in the ICU in Samoa the longest trying to save as many children from dying during the Measles outbreak in 2019. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

Please work to help prevent me from having to hold the hands of any more parents losing their children from vaccine preventable illnesses. Thank you.

John (Jaime) Harrington, MD

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:59:15 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shilpa Patel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatric specialist that cares for hospitalized children, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:59:42 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Stewart	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and concerned citizen, I would like to express my support for HB1118, which proposes to repeal the non-medical exemption from immunization requirements. Vaccines are an important tool to help keep our children healthy, and it is important for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community that children receive recommended vaccines before enrolling in school. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:02:28 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Loren Yamamoto, MD, MPH, MBA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vaccines (immunizations) are very important for the overall health of our children. They are cost effective and prevent devastating brain infections, birth defects, among their many benefits. Supporting vaccines is one of the smartest ways to maintain the health and well-being of our children. Sincerely, Loren Yamamoto, MD, MPH, MBA (pediatrician)

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:03:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gina French, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julika Kaplan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric specialist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Julika Kaplan, MD

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Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Abigail Hamman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our tax dollars should not be used for shooting people up with experimental concoctions which can cause medical damage and for which the manufacturers can't be held liable.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:06:00 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1115.

Reason being is for a number of reasons. First, taxpayer dollars should not be distributed to healthcare providers. That's what healthcare insurance and medical taxes are for. Stating that it would be "FREE" is a flat out lie. It's at the taxpayers expense. So clearly it is not "FREE". In addition to that, I wouldn't let it pass me or anyone else that because it would be labeled or claiming to be "FREE", that would provide an alibi for the state to say well if it's "FREE" then why wouldn't anyone take it? That would be an indirect means of coercion. Nobody has the right to tell another what they have or need to do with their body. Which leads me to question, why is a vaccination "FREE", yet there's no "FREE" aid for diseases such as obesity, or cancer? Those are x2 of the most profound healthcare issues in the world, and it's mortality rate is very high. But no "FREE" medications are given out for those.

Secondly, state lawmakers/politicians are constantly mismanaging/misusing funds, this would just be another way of doing so.

And most importantly what I find to be a big red flag, is that the proposal for this bill is not signed at the bottom of the document, and in it's posting it says that the bill was introduced by NAKAMURA, at the request of another party. That is not being transparent, and I highly doubt there are any medical field experts let alone virologists who are in the state capitol legislature. Transparency is something that has been clearly omitted, and that is outrageous. There have been multiple proposed bills relating to healthcare that have been introduced with the same exact wording/language, that being "at the request of another party". This is unacceptable. This proposed bill needs to be put into the trash.

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Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1115. I am not comfortable with MY tax dollars being used to fund vaccine distribution. Of all things that my tax dollars should be used for, this is NOT it. We still have a housing cost crisis. We still got a homeless crisis. Our roads suck. This should not be a piroity.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:10:43 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Lynch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatrician and a sports medicine physician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurie Saruwatari	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a parent and grandparent, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael H.T. Sia, MD, MPH, FAAP	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As an independent community pediatrician for 30 years, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Allison Arrigoni	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric hospitalist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:16:33 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Sasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Pediatric Hospitalist, I strongly support HB 1115. Vaccines protect Hawaii's children.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:19:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Hines MACPR, BS, RN, CIC, FAPIC	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As an Infection Preventionist for over 20 years, I have seen cases of death and life-altering effects of disease transmission on our keiki that could have been avoided through vaccinations. I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

Lisa Hines

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Feng	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric specialist [or mention your specialty], I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:19:54 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bryan Mih	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a parent and community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

Mahalo,

Bryan Mih

Pediatrician

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:20:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank R Baum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have been an independent practice pediatrician on Maui for almost 40 years and strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. Vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. I currently have over \$20,000.00 worth of vaccines in my office refrigerator and freeze for my patients. This is a 1-2 month supply. This is a tremendous financial burden for me. I must have all of the vaccines in stock so my patients can stay protected and to not miss an opportunity to administer the needed vaccinations. The process for purchasing and maintaining the cold chain of vaccinations is especially challenging for Hawaii pediatricians since the vaccines are ordered from various manufacturers on the mainland and have to be sent either frozen or refrigerated to our office by FedEx or UPS. Neither deliver on the weekends on Maui. Vaccines can arrive outside of the time frame needed to maintain the proper temperature. It is frustrating and costly. The pharmaceutical companies set prices for vaccines by volume purchased. An small pediatric practice or small group cannot get the same price break as a larger organization. Payment for vaccinations by Hawaii health insurers does not always cover the cost of purchase. Pediatricians therefore might lose money providing vaccinations depending on their volume of use. This is outrageous! There are other US states that provide all the vaccinations to the pediatricians' offices or their local Department of Health give all of the children their vaccinations and the pediatrician offices do not stock any vaccines. Unlike adults, local pharmacies do not give vaccines to young children. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times. I encourage you to please consider supporting this bill.

Regards,

Frank R. Baum MD

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:21:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michale Sofer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatric anesthesiologist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. It would also improve the preventative care for our Keiki, helping families access vaccines and prevent potentially devastating diseases from impacting their keiki. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:22:18 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Venkataraman Balaraman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a practicing pediatrician, I strongly support this measure to make it more practical for our State.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:23:35 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Gary Dela Cruz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:25:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kalei Kailikini	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose Universal Immunization as it violates human rights, as protected by the Nuremberg Accords of 1947, rights enumerated in the US Constitution, rights given to us by our Creator! As the elected Governor & legislative body for Hawaii if you continue with HB1115 you are all in violation of these laws! It is time for the people to start holding the Governor, the legislators all government accountable for breaking laws already in place, especially since all of you swore an oath to the US Constitution! Mandating the COVID shots that killed millions of people in 2021 to the present is our example of how government does not care about our lives. Well, I care! We caring people will fight this all the way. Vaccinations have been proven to kill & injure our children, therefore, Universal Immunization is NOT ALOHA!!!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:25:29 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sara Walston	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Registered Nurse that cares for Pediatric patients, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:26:36 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melody Kilcommons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a nurse in our community, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine physician offices will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered which is a significant burden. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling payment only for the vaccines used. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:28:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Xuchyll Ann Roman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a healthcare professional who works closely with pediatricians, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:28:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sreenandh Krishnagopalan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

State of hawaii needs a vaccine purchase program

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:28:39 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JEFFREY LIM, M.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill in view of the alarming decline in immunization rates and the resultant risk to the entire population of the State of Hawaii for epidemics from vaccine preventable diseases.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:28:47 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linh Lopez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a parent and concerned citizen, I would like to express my support for HB1118, which proposes to repeal the non-medical exemption from immunization requirements. Vaccines are an important tool to help keep our children healthy, and it is important for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community that children receive recommended vaccines before enrolling in school.

Mahalo.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:30:21 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Felicitas B. Livaudais MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. I have been a pediatrician in the community for over 2 decades . I know vaccines save lives, and makes our population resilient to preventable diseases. I have taken care of children who became ill or even died from vaccine preventable diseases. These events are a true tragedy. I believe this bill is extremely important to give the State of Hawaii and its providers easier and secure access to vaccines given the current political uncertainty in our nation. Thank you for your consideration. We want to make our keiki and our community strong. This bill will help. Mahalo. Dr. Felicitas Baja Livaudais from Maui

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:30:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aya Kwong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an Registered Nurse working as as Infection Preventionist with a background in Pediatric Critical Care, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:31:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tiffany Wang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatric hospitalist in Hawaii, I strongly support HB1115 which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. Vaccines have been one of the simplest, safest and most cost-effective ways to keep our children healthy. I have seen devastating effects of vaccine-preventable diseases in unvaccinated hospitalized patients. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all children of Hawaii, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:34:48 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Candace Cheever	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and a long-time educator, I would like to express my support for HB115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. Having Hawaii's children safely vaccinated is so important to the health and safety of the whole state.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:37:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurie West	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB1115 relating to universal immunization funding program.

Our government is acting like a Pharma representative instead of protecting the safety of the public. Vaccines are not tested adequately as the public would demand if they were aware--vaccines do NOT undergo rigorous double blind studies with a true placebo for years like other drugs--some have been tested for only DAYS OR WEEKS. That is NOT rigorous science to protect and inform consumers.

Have you or your healthcare providers actually read the vaccine package inserts with the long lists of known adverse effects or read the licensing studies, which likely were performed by the very manufacturers themselves? Conflict of interest? They have harmed people of all ages and are liability-free for manufacturers and providers. Most vaccine providers and government officials don't bother to learn any of this and merely regurgitate the Pharma-friendly sales pitches of "safety" and "efficacy" by Pharma-captured agencies of CDC and FDA. Turn off your Pharma-funded TV programming, and view with skepticism your Pharma-funded medical journals.

The mRNA vaccine platform has introduced a new level of hazard to health and the revelations about SV40 being detected in COVID vaccines is especially alarming--we now have an explosion of "turbo cancer" among the COVID-vaccinated. Look up researcher Kevin McKernan and the scientists around the world who are corroborating his findings. Learn from the millions of vaccine-injured people around the world about how they learned the hard way to question vaccine safety and efficacy.

We need to investigate who in government and media has their fingers in the lucrative Pharma pie and hold them accountable for their roles in this travesty.



**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:38:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marisa Nguyen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support any bill that makes it easier to vaccinate our citizens as a simple way to prevent serious diseases.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:38:43 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Malia Shimokawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

Malia Shimokawa, MD FAAP  
Pediatrician  
Aiea, HI

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:39:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ann Young, MD	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric emergency medicine physician in Honolulu, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:40:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patrick Whitehead	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and concerned citizen, I would like to express my support for HB1118, which proposes to repeal the non-medical exemption from immunization requirements. Vaccines are an important tool to help keep our children healthy, and it is important for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community that children receive recommended vaccines before enrolling in school. Mahalo.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:40:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean Lopez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a parent of two middle school aged children, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:44:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Irene Papaconstadopoulos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

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Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric specialist [or mention your specialty], I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:45:04 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill!!!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:45:46 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
stacy diaz	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

oppose

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:47:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Reiko Lin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community member I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:48:12 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leslie J.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please defer this measure. Mahalo.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:48:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Allen Bumanglag	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a registered nurse who has taken care of very sick and vulnerable pediatric patients, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:48:47 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anuheia Maeda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1115. Please vote no on this overreach of government authority on our children's bodies.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:49:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rhiana Lau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric specialist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

Mahalo,

Rhiana Lau, MD

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:50:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sarah Kennedy-Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members:

I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling them to pay only for the vaccines that are used. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

As a former bedside pediatric nurse and now a nurse in the Patient Safety and Quality Department of a local hospital, I have seen the harm that occurs when children are not properly vaccinated and are then exposed to viruses that can cause significant harm. Our keiki deserve every chance we can give them to grow up healthy and protected from viruses. By helping our community pediatricians obtain and store these necessary vaccines, by removing administrative and cost-related barriers, we will be contributing to a healthier Hawai'i for our keiki.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:50:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Annie Courville	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- HB1115 establishes a state vaccine purchase program in favor

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:52:02 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jasmine Waipa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy.

However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. Appropriate storing and handling can be a challenge as well depending on our inventory needs.

This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times. And of course it will continue our mission to prevent life-threatening diseases in our keiki through safe, scientifically proven use of vaccinations.

Mahalo,

Jasmine

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:52:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I oopose HB1115. I do not want my tax dollars wasted on this. Many, many people have very bad reactions to vaccines especially children and elderly. Majority of the healthcare providers do not inform the patients of serious side effects which in some cases are fatal. The healthcare providers receive a great deal of money to get as many people to get these shots. It all about money not the patients healthcare that's why you will not beheld liable for any actions involving vaccine injury. The MRNA shots are extremely dangerous, there is enough proof of this. Please stop promoting this. Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:52:32 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Angela Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As an Infection Preventionist for pediatrics and general popultaions, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. We have been observing unprecedented surges of respiratory viral activity in our communities, which is resulting in significant negative impacts on our community's health which consequently adds overburden to our healthcare infractructure and public systems who are also impacted by the community spread.

As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:54:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Grace Galiza	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:55:21 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clinton Len	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:55:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bettina Ackermann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am a physician, specifically a Pediatric Hospitalist at Maui Memorial Medical Center. I have been practicing pediatric hospital medicine for 23 years and have been taking care of the hospitalized children of Hawaii for the last 18 years at Kapi'olani Medical Center and Maui Memorial Medical Center. As a Pediatric specialist, I strongly support HB115 to support a state vaccine purchasing program. There are pediatric practices on Maui that do not offer some vital and recommended vaccines, due to cost issues. I cannot offer every family of a newborn baby the RSV vaccine because the cost does not allow for the hospital to pay for it outside of what's covered in the Vaccines For Children program. Please support this bill, and in doing so, help to save the health and lives of our children.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:56:36 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
LILY VAN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a clinical pharmacist working in a primary care clinic, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. Our office makes consistent efforts to ensure that our patients are appropriately cared for, however it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us.

When our clinic is not able to appropriately stock and provide vaccines, we often have to scramble to find alternative avenues for our patients to receive this care. This results in a delay of patient care, ultimately putting both the patient and the community at risk.

This bill would support our physicians by enabling our clinic to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

Thank you for your consideration of this importance bill.

Lily Van, PharmD, BCACP, CDCES

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:56:54 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bryce Watanabe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a director for patient experience here in the islands I understand the importance of vaccinations, and the large-scale implications That moving away from vaccines is a standard part of a civil society could mean for us in Hawaii, especially as a tourist destination. I have seen many comments over the years through my organization and both from community members in regards to the growing mistrust of vaccines and health science, and I worry that the public will begin to make choices based on how they feel rather than what the data shows us. Please count my vote as both a leader in healthcare and a community member in support of hb1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:56:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Katryana Hanley-Knutson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and concerned citizen, I would like to express my support for HB1118, which proposes to repeal the non-medical exemption from immunization requirements. Vaccines are an important tool to help keep our children healthy, and it is important for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community that children receive recommended vaccines before enrolling in school. Mahalo.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:57:00 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nani Morgan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a primary care physician, I strongly support HB1115 which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program to increase access to vaccines for Hawaii's keiki, decrease costs, and decrease administrative burden. Mahalo for your consideration.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:57:40 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bevin Kilfoyle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose HB1115,

This State is starving for funds of this nature to be allocated to feeding families, supporting mental health, and revitalizing communities.

In post covid climate, we can see how wasteful this effort is.

no to forcing immunizations

no to HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:59:32 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marsha Durbin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and concerned citizen, I would like to express my support for HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are the most cost effective way to keep our keiki healthy.

Mahalo,

Marsha

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:59:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Trisha Dhakhwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and concerned citizen, I would like to express my support for HB1115 which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. Vaccines are the safest, simplest and most cost effective way to keep our keiki healthy. This program would increase access to vaccines and decrease costs. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:01:12 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mae Kyono, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1115. Access to immunizations are very important to keep our keiki healthy. Establishing a State vaccine purchase program will benefit all the communities in Hawaii.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:02:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert C Durkin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1115 to establish a state vaccine purchase program to protect our families.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:05:04 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Selina Chen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Welina Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,**

As both a pediatric hospitalist and a parent, I strongly support HB 1115, which seeks to establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. Vaccines are among the safest, most effective, and most cost-efficient ways to protect the health of our keiki. However, estimating the number of vaccines needed within a given period can be challenging, and the financial and logistical burden of ordering vaccines—some of which may expire before use—places a significant strain on our primary care colleagues.

This bill would provide essential support to community pediatricians by ensuring that primary care providers only pay for the vaccines they administer. It would also generate cost savings through state bulk purchasing and improve vaccine access by removing financial and administrative barriers, ensuring that all keiki receive the full range of recommended immunizations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Me ke aloha pumehana (with kind regards),

**Selina S.P. Chen, MD, MPH, DipABLM** | Internal Medicine-Pediatric | Clinical Informatics  
| Assistant Professor | John A. Burns School of Medicine | Hawaii Pacific Health

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**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:06:05 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John K Cheever	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:07:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelly Hatzis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Hawai‘i, a parent of young children, and a healthcare professional, I strongly support HB 1115 which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. It is important to keep our keiki and families healthy. We want to increase access to vaccines for ALL our keiki, and decrease costs. Thank you for your consideration and support of this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:09:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shayrina Raquini	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a private citizen I support this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:09:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cherry Ann Galiza	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:09:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ernelle Leong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:10:22 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa H. Gibson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:10:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lolita Keni	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill! I don't agree with using our taxpayers money for the vaccinations, nor to be administered to everyone in Hawaii. And I definitely disagree with anyone being liable, there needs to be a responsibility party, not the patient/person being injected.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:13:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerald Tariao Montano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

In summary, I support HB1115, and I urge its vote and passage.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Gerald Montano, DO

Community Pediatrician

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:16:08 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Natascha Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric infectious diseases specialist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:20:23 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jordan Kono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115. Vaccines are one of the safest, most effective, and most economical interventions to keep children healthy. Over recent years, we have observed with dismay that increasing numbers of parents are seeking non-medical vaccine exemptions for their children. As a result, Hawai'i is now below threshold for herd immunity for several devastating diseases, including measles, which is extremely contagious and can have serious complications. Continuing funding to the Universal Immunization program would benefit all children in Hawai'i, ensuring that keiki are protected from unnecessary suffering and potentially lifelong disability or death.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:20:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicole Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatric specialist (I am the Infection Preventionist at Kapiolani Medical Center) I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:28:41 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jannet Lee Jayaram	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatric emergency physician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care colleagues. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:46:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alicia Turlington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:46:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alexa Helge	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:13:54 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why would we need universal vaccination? Vaccines should be completely optional. If you want them, great, but if you don't want them, then that's great too. Seems like the "covid years" taught us all that everyone's gonna get sick one way or the other anyways, and that the unvaccinated come out stronger in the end. Or at least, I thought that's what it taught us all, but maybe Josh Green is just uneducated and/or blind to reality? Or bought and paid for by pharmaceutical corporations? I'm not sure what's going on, but whatever it is that is causing him to sponsor this bill, it's unrighteous. Our state motto is that the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness. This land will continue to die with governors like Green who promote highly unnecessary and totalitarian bills like this one.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:30:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kirk Powles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While the idea of free universal immunizations for both adults and children may seem appealing, several arguments against this approach exist, including:

1. **Cost:**
  - Providing free universal immunizations for everyone, especially in countries with large populations, would incur significant expenses. This would require government funding, which could potentially divert resources from other important sectors like healthcare infrastructure, education, or social services.
  - The cost of vaccines, especially newer or specialized ones, is high. Governments may need to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for discounts or face rising costs, which might strain budgets.
2. **Logistical Challenges:**
  - Immunization programs for everyone would require widespread distribution networks, which can be logistically challenging, especially in rural or hard-to-reach areas.
  - Ensuring proper storage, transport (particularly for vaccines that require refrigeration), and timely administration could be complex and resource-intensive.
3. **Public Acceptance and Misconceptions:**
  - Some individuals or communities may resist vaccination due to misconceptions, misinformation, or cultural beliefs. This resistance could undermine the goal of universal immunization, leading to uneven coverage.
  - Compulsory vaccinations may raise ethical concerns about personal freedom, bodily autonomy, and individual rights.
4. **Overloading the System:**
  - Focusing on universal immunization might lead to an overburdened healthcare system. Health professionals may be stretched thin, especially if large-scale vaccination programs are initiated without adequate support infrastructure.
  - This could also cause delays in other important healthcare services, such as treating existing illnesses or addressing emerging health issues.
5. **Equity Concerns:**
  - There may be debates about prioritizing immunizations for certain vulnerable groups (e.g., children, the elderly, immunocompromised individuals) over others. Allocating limited resources to all adults, regardless of risk factors, could raise concerns about fairness.

- Some argue that focusing resources on the most at-risk populations might be a more cost-effective and ethically sound approach than offering universal immunization.
6. **Effectiveness of Some Vaccines:**
- While many vaccines are essential, some vaccines may not be universally necessary for every individual. For example, certain vaccines may have limited relevance for specific age groups or health conditions. The question arises whether it's worth spending public funds on vaccines that only benefit certain subsets of the population.
7. **Private Market Alternatives:**
- In some cases, private healthcare providers and insurers already offer immunizations, which could be seen as a viable alternative to government-funded universal immunization programs. Opponents argue that governments should not duplicate efforts already covered by the private sector, potentially reducing efficiency.

These concerns are part of the broader debate over public health policy, where the balance between access to healthcare, personal rights, and fiscal responsibility is often a central issue.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:42:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Iani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this nonsense .

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:47:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JennyLee Harris	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE BILL HB1115

My tax dollars will NOT finance distribution of vaccines free of charge to qualifying healthcare providers to all children and adults in the State of Hawaii

HOW is it that the Department of Health independent contractors, and employees not liable for any action in operating the program? IT SHOULD BE AT THE EXPENSE OF DOH OR THE EXPENSE OF THE PHARMA CORPORATIONS.

NO TO UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION FUNDING PROGRAM. OPPOSE BILL HB1115

Jennylee Harris

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:47:28 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dayna	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop using OUR money to fund things we want no part of. We want our money going to the real problems in our state. Including but not limited to: cleaning up our roads, rubbish everywhere it is embarrassing, fixing our infrastructure, lowering the cost of living, lowering crime and theft, fixing our schools, improving our school ratings, less Government more freedom, ending the corruption, fixing the traffic problems, fixing our homeless problems, fixing up Maui, etc...

Stop using OUR money for things we don't want and start using it for the things we NEED!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:03:46 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cassie Price	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:08:18 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carlene Price	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:10:18 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rachael Ziebold	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB1115 will funnel taxpayer dollars to big pharmaceutical corporations. Vaccinations in Hawai'i are very easy to access for those who want them and Hawai'i has very good medical coverage programs for low income residents. Please oppose this unnecessary use of taxpayer funds.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:17:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Ziebold	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB1115 funnels taxpayer money to pharmaceutical corporations without proper oversight. The Department of Health has accepted influence from Big Pharma in the past and nothing will stop this from happening again. Please oppose this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:24:46 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kerwin Canionero	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I respectfully submit this statement of faith for a Constitutionally recognized and protected religious exemption against a mandatory injection.

Based on my understanding of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and other federal and state laws, I choose to exercise my right to demand a religious exemption to the requirement that I be vaccinated using the Covid-19 shots. This demand for an exemption is based on my deeply held religious beliefs pursuant to my reliance on teachings in the Holy Bible.

The Bible says, “Therefore to him who knows to do good, and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17 NKJV). My personal convictions are inspired by my study and understanding of the Bible, and personally directed by the true and living God. I am personally convicted that I should not receive any of the Covid-19 shots presently authorized by the FDA.

It is not my responsibility to force my personal religious convictions regarding this matter on other persons as I believe whether to receive any vaccine shot is a personal decision to each person (Romans 14). Where scripture does not expressly instruct on a particular matter, I believe that I am required to search the Scripture myself for related truths (Romans 15:4) and to seek personal guidance from the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39; Romans 8). If I fail to submit to the personal convictions that the Holy Spirit and Scripture has impressed upon me, I will be sinning against God. I have personally searched the Scripture and sought guidance from the Holy

Spirit to come to my decision.

The Bible very clearly states that the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We are commanded to take good care of it, not to defile it, and certainly not introduce something into it that could potentially harm it (1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:10, and 2 Corinthians 7:1).

The Bible also outlines the fact that God created the body both “fearfully and wonderfully.” (Psalm 139:13-16). Many vaccine shots work as gene therapy. By manipulating genetic operations, the vaccine shots alter what God made (literally assuming the position of God), which I believe to be a sinful practice under these circumstances. These vaccines (by the very disclosure of the vaccine manufacturers) contain carcinogens, neurotoxins, animal viruses,

animal blood, allergens, and heavy metals. I do not believe it would be right for me to introduce these substances into my body because they have not sufficiently been proven to me to be safe and effective. Rather, I believe they may be harmful to my body.

Perhaps the most notably significant reason why the acceptance of these vaccines would be considered sinful centers around the fact that fetal stem cell lines from aborted babies were used in either the initial development and/or testing of the vaccines. Case in point, by receiving the Covid-19 shots presently available, I believe it would constitute a complicit action in the act of abortion. I believe that abortion is murder and is strictly prohibited in the Bible (Exodus 20:13; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Isaiah 49:15). Psalm 127:3 says that “Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.” The fact that aborted stem cells were involved in the origination of the three Covid-19 shots make the consumption of this vaccine an unthinkable act to me.

In addition to the religious exemption demanded, I have the legal right to be exempted from the vaccine mandate based on Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Additionally, the Constitution grants and protects every American citizen the God-given right to make my own medical decisions. The Declaration of Independence recognizes rights are God-given. God commands me to glorify Him with my body — and not give it to the government. First, the Ninth Amendment states, “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.” The Constitution does not grant the power or authority to the federal government to compel private citizens take medical treatments — especially not as a category. Therefore, I reserve this right.

Second, federal laws protects my choosing to disclose private medical decisions (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). Numerous legal and financial penalties exist for entities violating this law. Mandating vaccination as a condition of employment implies I disclose medical information and is a violation of federal law — as well as workplace discrimination.

This mandated vaccine is, to me, contrary to Biblical teachings, my faith in Jesus Christ, the specific powers granted the federal government, and existing federal law.

It is unlawful to segregate people according to their skin color. It is unlawful to compel Jews to eat pork. It is also unlawful to compel personal medical decisions of citizens.

My religious beliefs are sincere. Legally, I cannot be required to prove that a church or religious leader agrees with my sincere religious beliefs, or my interpretation of Scripture, or my instruction from the Holy Spirit. My beliefs are my own, and they are sincerely and deeply held.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:43:56 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vernon Azuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is testimony in support of HB1115. Purchase of vaccines assures availability to those who need it the most - those who cannot afford the vaccine, those unable to get vaccinated because their parents work several jobs, and will make vaccination more available to large groups such as schools and community organizations. I can see not downside to this program

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 12:02:03 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB1115. Please vote NO on this bill.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 12:33:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christa Hewett	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is insane that Josh Green who is constantly slandering Donald Trump for being a fascist dictator, which he should be sued for, is now trying to infringe on citizens' rights and religious freedoms. The same governor who cries my body my choice when it comes to killing unborn children is now taking away the rights of parents who know what's best for their child. His hypocritical, tyrannical, and UNCONSTITUTIONAL attack on our rights and freedoms is more representative of a dictator.

Please don't be on the wrong side of history and the law and oppose his tyrannical attempt on our freedoms and choice.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 1:05:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Amerjit Ghag	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and concerned citizen, I would like to express my support for HB1118, which proposes to repeal the non-medical exemption from immunization requirements. Vaccines are an important tool to help keep our children healthy, and it is important for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community that children receive recommended vaccines before enrolling in school. Mahalo.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 1:16:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wendy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opposed HB1118, and I don't want my tax monies paying for the violation of our fundamental rights which is abhorrent to our constitution.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 1:22:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tiffany Marsoun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vaccinations are a controversial subject and more and more information is coming out regarding the lack of safety of most of the vaccinations. Many people do not vaccinate themselves, their children, or agree with the push to vaccinate for every disease that has come about. In saying that, those same people do not want their tax dollars funding the vaccines they do not believe in for other people. If someone wants to or needs to take certain supplements or medications, they have to pay for it or their insurance. It should be the same for vaccines. Also, mRNA vaccines have been shown to cause many health issues and even death, so why would that even be a consideration, they are dangerous.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 1:43:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly opposed

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 2:07:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Debbie Tamura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am totally opposed to Bill HB1115!

Thank you,

Debbie Tamura

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 3:11:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marc	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1115. Please do not pass such ridiculous bills.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 3:14:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronelle Andrade	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1115. This does not serve the people of Hawaii.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 3:18:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aimee Grace	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a pediatrician and health policy professional writing in my personal capacity, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling them to pay only for the vaccines they use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Aloha,

Aimee Malia Grace, MD, MPH, FAAP

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 3:20:39 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Camille Adams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop using our taxes to fund this and other unnecessary projects!!!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 4:44:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am vehemently opposed to removing any or all religious exemptions from receiving vaccinations in the state of Hawaii. This is a clear violation of civil rights. No person should be forced to purchase and have a commerce product inserted into their body without their consent. This is an outrage and only fuels vaccine hesitancy by the people of Hawaii who are sick of outsiders telling them what to do. No one disputes the general theory of vaccinations. What we oppose is force. What we oppose is a product that has no liability for the manufacturer. What we oppose is the lack of evidence that the product does what it says it is going to do.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 5:59:28 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Abby Simmons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and esteemed members of the committee,

Please support this bill.

Abby Simmons - Hawaii resident

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:35:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christine Krieger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I highly support this bill due to how extremely important it is not only to the keiki and kapuna, but everyone here. Immunizations are vital to keep everyone safe especially vulnerable native Hawaiians. Do not let another measles or covid or any other outbreak happen again.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:36:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin DeGuzman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill. Making a vaccination mandatory for with no exceptions is wrong. I oppose this HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:34:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Timothy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this important bill. Thanks.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:45:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Lono	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to ***OPPOSE*** bill ***HB1115***. I don't want my taxes being used to finance the distribution of that poison to our future generations.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:47:37 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Expedita Pasion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1115

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:26:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelly Kawaoka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a community pediatrician and internist, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. However, it can be extremely difficult to estimate how many of each vaccine our office will need in a given time period, and the cost and complexity of ordering vaccines that may expire before they are administered is a significant burden for us. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling us to pay only for the vaccines we use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:41:19 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alison Rivera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

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**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:05:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sarah Morihara Woodward	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, as a concerned, citizen and physician here in Hawaii I'd like to offer my support for HB 1115. Vaccines are arguably the most effective way to keep children and immunocompromised adult adults healthy. This bill would allow all people access and affordability, promoting healthy living in the state of Hawaii.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:06:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Malia Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose my money funding free vaccinations without the government or pharma accepting responsibility of any injuries.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:13:18 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sara Harris	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As an OBGYN, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our communities healthy. This bill would support community pediatricians by enabling them to pay only for the vaccines they use. It would save money by allowing the state to bulk purchase vaccines and would enhance access to vaccines for all keiki by removing administrative and cost-related barriers to stocking all vaccines at all times.

Please support this bill!

Sara Harris, MD

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:33:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Walter	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

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**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:44:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicholas Landford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill I believe this is wrong

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:09:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glenn Grimes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the passing of HB1115 in any form.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 1:46:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Catherine Thyne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Attention,

As a Maui Resident I feel there are better ways to spend our Taxpayer dollars. There are much more pressing needs than wasting money on this program. Why don't you use the money to help Lahaina Town and the people get their City and life back? So frustrating as a Hawaii Resident to see all the blatant waste of our hard earned Taxpayer Dollars. Stop and for once help your Residents and stop wasting time and money on these HORRIBLE Bills! Do some actual work for the people of Hawaii.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:57:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Yasmin Vatter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose any attempts at UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION or MANDATORY IMMUNIZATION by the State of Hawaii.

Stop this insane push.

ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

Yasmin Vatter

Keauhou

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 7:48:31 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kealohi Hanohano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose! The Gov is a menace. This should be up to the parents not some nut job.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:26:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mia Hemmings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1115. I personally oppose most vaccines on the basis of my own personal health and religious convictions.

Mahalo,

Mia Hemmings

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:39:56 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tiana Wilbur	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Oppose HB1115, we should not allocate funding towards vaccines as it is and should remain an individuals choice.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:45:42 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sarah-Lyn Lokelani Jacobson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a Violation of freedom and Religion

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:51:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean J deMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Sean J DeMello and i am opposing this bill due to our right to religious freedom.

Thank you.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:58:09 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Morihara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a (concerned citizen), I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care doctors. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 12:05:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Reid Woodward	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

As a (concerned citizen), I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care doctors. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 12:07:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Pugh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a concerned citizen, I strongly support HB 1115, which would establish a State Vaccine Purchasing Program. As you know, vaccines are one of the safest, simplest, and most cost-effective ways to keep our keiki healthy. The State Vaccine Purchasing Program would increase access to vaccines for all of Hawai'i's keiki, decrease costs associated with buying and storing vaccines, and decrease administrative burdens for our primary care doctors. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 12:26:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Text

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 4:00:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laura Roberts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I do not want my tax dollars to be spent on programs like this. Please focus on putting criminals behind bars and keeping them there to keep our island safe.

Mahalo,

Laura

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 4:08:25 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1115.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 4:42:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joy Dillon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Legislators.

I strongly oppose this bill and urge you not to pass it. This bill will use taxpayer dollars to fund government controlled vaccine distribution. Have we learned nothing from the mandated Covid 19 shots? They were neither safe nor effective. Everyone I know who got the vaccine got very sick with Covid. Let's learn our lessons and take government control out of our medical decisions.

Please vote NO on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Dillon, Hilo Resident.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:00:03 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chanara Casey Richmond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1115. Hawaii is not China. MY BODY, MY CHOICE! Chanara Richmond, HD 42.

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 8:03:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Madeleine D Fernandez	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill!! This is unconstitutional!!! The DoH does NOT have any authority to do this!

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:24:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lorraine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii, I oppose HB1115. Citizens of Hawaii should not be forced to fund, with their tax dollars, HB1118, that I find to be unconstitutional toward religious freedom and medical choices.

Mahalo, Lorraine

**HB-1115**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:47:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mandy Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha,**

**Here are some of the concerns I have (creates a Universal Immunization Funding Program that forces our taxpayer dollars to pay for government-controlled vaccine distribution.**

**Grants legal immunity to those administering vaccines, removing any recourse for those injured by these shots.**

**Expands government control over medical decisions, opening the door to future mandates and forced medical procedures.**

Thank you,

Amamda L. Chang