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House Committees on Health and Human Services and Housing

HB 3010, Relating to Vaccines

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

February 8, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department respectfully and strongly opposes this measure.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** Vaccination can reduce both health-care costs and productivity losses associated
- 3 with illness.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure seeks to require informed consent prior to the administration
- 5 of any vaccine that contains more than a trace amount of thimerosal. The Department opposes this
- 6 measure because there is no credible scientific evidence that the low concentrations of thimerosal in
- 7 vaccines have caused any harm other than minor reactions such as redness or swelling at the injection
- 8 site. Numerous studies, conducted in the United States and around the world, do not support an
- 9 association between thimerosal in vaccines and neurodevelopmental disorders such as autism and autism
- 10 spectrum disorders.

11 If enacted, it is possible that the informed consent procedure and materials may encourage

12 parents or individuals to believe that vaccines containing thimerosal are harmful to their or their

13 children's health and therefore forgo vaccination, needlessly placing themselves or their children at

14 higher risk of contracting serious, potentially fatal, vaccine-preventable diseases.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Friday, February 8, 2008
8:00 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3010, RELATING TO VACCINES.

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, M.D., CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") thanks you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on H.B. No. 3010, Relating to Vaccines.

The purpose of this bill is to ensure an informed consent prior to the administration of a vaccine containing any amount of mercury.

The Board stands behind the Department of Health's testimony that there is no credible scientific evidence that thimerosal is the cause of any major harm. For this reason, the Board does not believe there is a need for this bill and asks that it be held.

The Board thanks you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill.

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From: Leolinda Parlin [leolinda@resqconsultants.com]
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Aloha,

Please accept this testimony in opposition to HB 3010 – from Dr. Calvin Sia.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 8, 2008

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329

Honorable Representatives Josh Green and John
Mizuno,
Committee on Health:

Re: HB 3010 "Relating to
Mercury-Containing Vaccines: Informed Consent"

Since I am unable to attend this Hearing to testify, I would like to send this written testimony
to OPPOSE this bill.

Recent and past scientific research and studies have well demonstrated that Mercury-containing vaccines

have **no direct or indirect relationship** in the increasing incidence of autism and autism syndrome.
This bill will simply add additional
administration cost and burden in a busy office, clinic practice.

This bill is not based on sound scientific evidence.

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From: Patel, Shilpa MD [SJPatel@kapiolani.org]
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Subject: HB 3010/ Mercury Containing Vaccines; Informed Consent

Sergeant of Arms: Please deliver five (5) copies of this e-mail testimony to Rm 329 for the House Health Committee Meeting on or before Friday 2/8/08 @ 0800. Thank you

Honorable Representatives Green and Mizuno, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:

I understand that you will be hearing *HB 3010 *Relating to /Mercury-Containing Vaccines; Informed Consent/on Friday, February 8,2008 @ 8:00 a.m. I am unable to appear in person, however I am opposed to this bill as it would add unnecessary administrative burden to all physicians and health care workers who administer influenza vaccine, create barriers to immunizations, and lead the public to believe the unfounded theory that Thimerosal (the ethyl-mercury containing preservative in some influenza vaccines) poses a health risk, all of which would endanger public health. The current Vaccine Information Statement from the CDC, which physicians use, includes information on Thimerosal <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-flu.pdf> and HAAP has encouraged its members and other members of the health community to provide additional information on mercury (see the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia http://www.chop.edu/vaccine/images/vec_thimerosal.pdf)

Thank you for your understanding and your commitment towards creating a better health care environment for Hawaii's children.

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From: Galen Chock [gchock@aap.net]
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Honorable Representatives Green and Mizuno, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (HAAP) understand sthat you will be hearing HB 3010 "Relating to Mercury-Containing Vaccines; Informed Consent" on Friday, February 8,2008 @ 8:00 a.m. We are unable to appear in person, however HAAP is **opposed** to this bill as it would add unnecessary administrative burden to all physicians and health care workers who administer influenza vaccine, create barriers to immunizations, unnecessarily increase the complexity of our current vaccine delivery system and lead the public to believe the unfounded theory that Thimerosal (the ethyl-mercury containing preservative in some influenza vaccines) poses a health risk, all of which would endanger public health.

The information required by HB 3010, Section 2(d) is largely covered by Federal law. Healthcare providers are already bound by Federal law (42USC '300aa-26) to provide patients with a Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for each vaccine they or their minor child are about to receive. These VISs contain information on the risks of disease and risks and benefits of the vaccine. The VIS for the injectable influenza vaccine includes information about thimerosal.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-flu.pdf>.

Vaccines save lives! Our Hawaii legislature should not mandate provision of misleading information that could discourage vaccinations.

Respectfully

Galen Chock MD

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February 7, 2008

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Rep. John Mizuno, Vice-Chair

DATE: Friday, February 8, 2008
TIME: 8:00 a.m.
CONFERENCE ROOM 329, STATE CAPITOL

HB 3010 RELATING TO VACCINES

I firmly support this bill. I believe that we should know what is being given to us. My personal experience has been that when I questioned if the vaccine contained mercury, I was told that it was harmless because the vaccine contained very little mercury. My question is what is very little. I was under the impression that mercury accumulates in our bodies and eventually it can cause problems.

Please support this bill

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