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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF LOWERING THE AGE OF PHARMACY-ADMINISTERED
VACCINATION RECIPIENTS TO NINE YEARS OLD.

1 WHEREAS, many children in our communities do not have ready
2 access to vaccinations, thereby making them more susceptible to
3 disease; and

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5 WHEREAS, the present economic recession makes gaining
6 access to vaccinations even more difficult for struggling
7 families; and

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9 WHEREAS, pharmacies are located throughout our communities
10 and often have more extensive hours of operation than
11 physicians' offices so that our residents can easily gain access
12 to them; and

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14 WHEREAS, pharmacists who administer vaccinations must go
15 through special training related to immunizations; and

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17 WHEREAS, pharmacists who administer vaccines have adult and
18 child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training available;
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21 WHEREAS, eighteen states have enacted legislation that
22 allows pharmacists to immunize patients as young as nine years
23 of age, thereby providing families with young children more
24 access to the benefits of immunization; and

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26 WHEREAS, lowering the age restrictions for pharmacist-
27 administered vaccinations will improve community access to
28 potentially life-saving vaccines and will serve as a valuable
29 preventative tool by allowing for quick and effective
30 vaccination of a large number of people in the event of a public
31 health emergency in Hawaii, such as the H1N1 flu outbreak; now,
32 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
5 requests the Chair of the Board of Pharmacy to establish a task
6 force to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of
7 lowering the age at which vaccinations may be administered by
8 pharmacists; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be named
11 the Pharmacist-Administered Vaccination Task Force (Task Force);
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Task Force
15 is to research and report to the Legislature on the following:
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- 17 (1) The potential benefits and drawbacks of lowering the
18 age restrictions for pharmacists to administer
19 vaccines to children;
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21 (2) The most effective means to lower such age
22 restrictions;
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24 (3) Whether additional education or certification
25 requirements for vaccinating pharmacists would be
26 necessary or recommended; and
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28 (4) Schemas of other states' vaccination age restrictions
29 that allow vaccination of minors by pharmacists in all
30 or limited circumstances; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be comprised of:
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- 34 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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36 (2) At least one member of the Board of Pharmacy;
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38 (3) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College
39 of Pharmacy or the Dean's designee;
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41 (4) One pharmacist each from Walgreens and Long's Drugs
42 and representatives from two independent pharmacies;
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(5) A member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the Director's designee be the chairperson of the Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Task Force serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be situated in the Department of Health for administrative purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to assist the Task Force in drafting its recommendations and any proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall cease to exist after June 30, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Chair of the Board of Pharmacy, the Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy, the District Manager for Hawaii of Walgreens, the Local District Manager of CVS Caremark Corp., and the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter.

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