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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 253, HD2  
RELATING TO VACCINATIONS**

**SENATOR JOSH GREEN, CHAIR**  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Hearing Date: March 18, 2015

Room Number: 414

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the proposed bill which provides  
3 additional and appropriate access for our community to vaccinations as it recognizes and  
4 preserves the medical home, the concept of which was born in Hawaii and assures patients  
5 receive coordinated and complete care. Ensuring information is properly checked and coming  
6 from the medical home minimizes the possibility of vaccination errors related to  
7 contraindications, guides timely spacing based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
8 Practices vaccination schedule, and ensures proper documentation of vaccinations in the patient's  
9 medical record. By verifying this information, this process fosters a relationship for discussion  
10 between the physician group and the pharmacist group to provide the optimum care to the people  
11 of Hawaii.

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13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, March 18, 2015  
1:30 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 253, H.D. 2, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.**

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 253, H.D. 2, Relating to Vaccinations, which would authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between 14 and 17 years of age pursuant to a valid prescription.

The Board supports this bill that would allow pharmacists to administer not only the influenza vaccine, but any vaccine as prescribed by the patient's medical home, to persons between 14 and 17 years of age.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 253, H.D. 2.



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Written Comments Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Health  
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by

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## Comments on HB 253 HD2 RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

Chair Green, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to comment relating to HB253 HD2.

In 2009, the Legislature in its wisdom, introduced Act 169 HB1378 HD2 SD2 CD1 which was enacted into law as HRS §432:1-615, and required insurers, mutual and fraternal benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to recognize advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) as primary care providers (PCPs); and granted global signature authority and prescriptive rights. Last year, with the House Health Committee's support, SB2492 SD1 was signed into law as Session 2014 Act 45. This Act amended various sections of the Hawai`i Revised Statutes to enable APRNs to practice to the fullest extent of their training and education. The legislature recognized that APRNs can increase access to primary care in rural areas and provide high quality health care with positive patient outcomes.

In the interest of ensuring access to high quality health care services, the Hawai`i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) respectfully asks the Senate Health Committee to allow for all State-recognized primary care providers, including APRNs, by including them in this bill.

The recommended edits are as follows:

Page 2, line 5: "licensed physician or primary care provider"

Page 2, line 9: "physicians and surgeons, advanced practice registered nurse"

Page 2, line 19: "licensed physician or practitioner"

Page 3, line 8: "licensed physician's or practitioner's"

Page 4, line 7: "licensed physician's or practitioner's"

Page 4, line 11: "physician or practitioner"

Page 4, line 13: "physician or primary care provider"

Page 4, line 15: "licensed physician or primary care provider"

Page 4, line 17: "licensed physician or primary care provider"

Page 6, line 8: "medical home or primary care provider"

Page 10, description line 3: "medical home or primary care provider."

The HSCN agrees with the American Academy of Pediatric's statements that continuity of care is of utmost importance and that the primary care provider is key for these efforts. These amendments will ensure that primary care providers may continue providing health care in Hawai'i. The HSCN respectfully requests for your consideration of the proposed amendments. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and health care in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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TO: Senator Green and members of the Senate Health Committee

FROM: R. Michael Hamilton, MD, MS, FAAP  
President, Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

RE: Testimony in support of HB 253 HD2

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 18 @ 1:30pm

On Behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter (HAAP) I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 253 HD2, which will allow for the vaccination of teens between the age of 14 to 17 by a pharmacy with an appropriate prescription.

As the bill is currently written, it will allow for increased opportunities to improve vaccination rates for this population without fragmenting the care that these adolescents should receive through an intact Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH).

Primary care Providers (PCPs), within the PCMH framework, work in collaboration with the teen and their family to oversee the acute, chronic and preventative health needs of this vulnerable population in a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous fashion.

This bill gives Hawaii the opportunity to enhance vaccination rates while preserving comprehensive and coordinated care for our young teens.

As the President of HAAP and as a primary care physician, I am in support of HB 253 HD2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Michael Hamilton".

R. Michael Hamilton, MD, MS, FAAP  
President, American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter

VINCE YAMASHIROYA, M.D., FAAP  
GENERAL PEDIATRICS

March 16, 2015

**RE: Testimony on House Bill 253HD2, Relating to Vaccinations**

To Senator Josh Green and the members of the Senate Health Committee:

I am submitting written testimony IN SUPPORT of House Bill 253HD2.

I am a practicing pediatrician in Honolulu who routinely vaccinates my patients and I was initially concerned about the original bill on pharmacists vaccinating adolescents. I am pleased that in comparison to previous versions of this bill, that the involvement of the Medical Home is ensured regarding immunizations.

Regarding future reviews of immunization providers, it would be better that it be approved by the task force first before coming to the legislature.

I want to thank you for listening to the pediatric community and to your commitment in improving the health of our children.

Respectfully yours,



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## **Testimony on House Bill 253HD2, Relating to Vaccinations**

March 16, 2015

To The Honorable Josh Green, Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Health

I am able to support HB253HD2 because the House has reinstated the medical home into this bill. Our legislators in the House have clearly reaffirmed and demonstrated their understanding and support of the central role that the medical home plays in the care of the adolescent.

We pediatricians are charged with being the medical home, the “primary care physician working in collaboration with the family, oversees the acute, chronic and preventive health needs of the patient in a comprehensive, coordinated, and continuous fashion.” (HRS 461-11.4e), for our patients.

In our role as medical homes, pediatricians are committed to working in concert not only with families but also with other health care professionals to advance the health status of our children, adolescents and young adults.

We must avoid instituting system changes that fragment health care. This can be done if health care professionals dialogue and communicate in a respectful collegial and purposeful fashion prior to legislation. A prototype for this dialogue was successful when under Act 125, SLH2010, the DOH led immunization task force brought together health care providers that resulted in Act 42, SLH 2012 and HRS section 461-11.4 allowing pharmacist to administer influenza vaccine to children 14 – 17 years of age.

If pediatric vaccination issues arise in the future, reconvening the task force would serve to bring our medical community together to dialogue and focus on the health needs of our local population.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and work in furthering the health of our pediatric population.

Respectfully:

Galen Y.K. Chock, M.D.

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**HB253**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Matsumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a practicing pediatrician and fully support the amended version of HB253. The current version of the bill upholds the essential element of retaining the medical home in the coordination of care while allowing for increased access to older teens to obtain required and recommended vaccines. My suggestion/recommendation for future potential vaccine changes would be to utilize the vaccine task force (Act 125) where all stakeholders will have early input into the process before presentation to the legislature.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joe kassel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators: I am particularly concerned about teenagers being offered gardasil and other vaccines without parental informed consent. This particular vaccine is a blatant example of a vaccine rushed to market, since manufacturers are immune from civil suit. Please vote no on this bill. Unfortunately our health care delivery system is broken and profit driven. This profit driven system has suppressed the dissemination of objective scientific findings regarding the risks associated with vaccination. Information provided about vaccines does not present valid descriptions of risks and benefits. Scientific objections to individual vaccines are not presented, although there are many researchers raising such concerns. In 1979, my paper written just prior to graduating from nursing school, was written in support of vaccination. One year later, my daughter had a significant negative reaction to vaccination. She did not receive further vaccines, I am convinced that she would not be the healthy vibrant young woman she is if we continued the series. In 1988 I graduated from Naturopathic Medical school. I still held on to the idea of selective vaccination with informed consent. I also have spent the past 25 years studying the science behind vaccination. I have come to believe that science is fundamentally flawed, and that the preparations contain a plethora of toxins including neurotoxins such as aluminum (please examine the work of Dr. Ayoub). I believe we should tinker with the remarkable delicately balanced intricacies of the immune response with more humility and objectivity. While the Supreme Court has confirmed the state's rights to mandate vaccination, I believe these decisions only represent the court's ignorance of immunology. Honestly, it is an ignorance that most health professionals share, since medical school education only includes a single survey course in immunology. Please take the time to listen to Dr. Suzanne Humphries, a Medical Doctor who has taken the time to delve into immunology and the evidence available on most individual vaccines. You may be surprised, not only by the depth of her knowledge, but also her conclusions. Mahalo and aloha Dr Joseph Kassel ND LAc

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clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We are in a time when doctors and politically powerful special interest groups associated with private drug companies and medical trade associations have joined with government health officials and are lobbying state legislators to eliminate or severely restrict the legal right to exercise informed consent to vaccine risk-taking. Please take the time to read NVIC's "Reforming Vaccine Policy and Law" guide for answers to questions your legislators may have. The fully referenced version can be found on our site posted at: <http://www.nvic.org/Vaccine-Laws/state-vaccine-requirements/Reforming-Vaccine-Policy---Law-Guide.aspx> Physicians, in the American Medical Association Code of Ethics, affirm philosophical and religious exemptions for themselves. See Opinion 9.133 Routine Universal Immunization of Physicians. Parents should have that same right. • Children today receive 69 doses of vaccines for 16 different viral and bacterial illnesses which more than doubles the government childhood schedule of 34 doses of 11 different vaccines in the year 2000. A vaccine exemption is filed regardless of whether the exemption is filed for one dose or all doses. 35 doses and 5 more unique vaccines have been added to the schedule in the last 15 years. Those supporting forced vaccination are being dishonest by not acknowledging the exploding vaccine schedule while sounding alarms over small increases in overall non-medical exemptions. • There are hundreds of new vaccines in development including some of the following in clinical trials: HIV, herpes, E. coli, dengue fever, avian influenza, smallpox, tuberculosis, typhoid, norovirus, cholera, smoking cessation, syphilis, and gonorrhea. If vaccine manufactures and others who profit from forced vaccination convince legislators take away our right to delay or decline a vaccine now, what will our future look like? • In the past 5 years, drug makers have paid the U.S. Government \$19.2 billion in criminal and civil FRAUD penalties. Skepticism of the pharmaceutical industry is well deserved, and it doesn't imply skepticism of science.

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**Comments of  
Gary M. Slovin/ Mihoko E. Ito  
on behalf of  
Walgreens**

DATE: March 15, 2015

TO: Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Committee on Health  
*Submitted Via [HTHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HTHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)*

RE: **H.B. 253, HD2 – Relating to Vaccinations**  
**Hearing: Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Conference Room: 414**

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Dear Chair Green, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health,

We submit these comments on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawai`i, Walgreens now has 17 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawai`i.

Walgreens **supports** H.B. 253, HD2, which would authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons aged fourteen to seventeen via a physician’s prescription, provided that the pharmacist has fulfilled certain requirements. The current law allows persons between fourteen and seventeen to receive the influenza vaccine pursuant to a valid prescription. This bill would expand the ability for this group to receive other vaccinations pursuant to a prescription.

While Walgreens preferred the original bill which also allowed pharmacists to issue vaccines pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement, we still support the bill in its current form, because we believe that increasing access to vaccines is an important public policy that will improve and protect public health. Allowing pharmacists to administer vaccinations is a low-cost and convenient way to meet an important public health need. Studies have shown that in states in which pharmacists are allowed to administer vaccines, the vaccine coverage rates are increased for the target population.

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Pharmacists are required to receive specialized training to administer vaccinations. Presently, Walgreens pharmacists who participate in vaccine programs go through a “Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery” certificate training program offered by the American Pharmacists Association that is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition to immunization training, all participating pharmacists are required to become certified in adult and child CPR and to take OSHA blood-borne pathogens training. These programs include training to administer vaccines for children nine years of age and older.

Walgreens is committed to promoting public health by improving the accessibility of life-saving vaccines. We believe that, given proper training and certification for pharmacists, lowering age restrictions and expanding the availability of vaccines will improve access and serve as a valuable preventative tool. It would also allow for a quick and effective response in the event of a public health emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,

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HB253 RELATING TO VACINATIONS

To the honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair and the COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,,  
<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/committeepage.aspx?comm=JDL><http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/committeepage.aspx?comm=JDL> mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 253. **I support the intent of this bill and our esteemed pharmacist colleagues, who have a record of 10 years of safety in administering vaccines.** I am speaking as a practicing APRN, Nurse Practitioner for 40 years in Hawai'i and as a Shot @ Life Champion for the United Nations Foundation. Serving as the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Region 9 Director, (includes Hawai'i), I know firsthand the great work of APRNs and the importance of vaccinations.

HB 253: Expands pharmacists' current ability to only administer flu vaccines to now vaccines in general to those 14 -17 years old as authorized by the patient's prescriber or authorizing agent in a medical home. This language is inclusive of APRNs as prescribers, which will therefore increase access to care for APRN patients.

In our country, Americans can choose to vaccinate or not. Additionally patients can choose their providers or prescribers (APRN or physician) and their health care plan and clinic. Not all patients will be in a "Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH)" lead by a physician. With 89% of the nurse practitioner (NP) population prepared in primary care and over 75% of actively practicing NPs providing primary care, NPs are a vital part of the U.S. primary care workforce. Evidence supports the high quality and cost-effectiveness of NP care and the continued interest of the discipline to contribute to solving the primary care dilemma. Fulfilling the potential of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires transformation of primary care delivery within the U.S. NPs are a vital element of the primary care workforce with a major role in making high-quality, patient-centered health care available to the broadest possible range of consumers. In fact, NPs make up the most rapidly growing component of the primary care workforce. As licensed, independent providers, with a blend of medical and nursing preparation, NPs are uniquely qualified to provide the patient-centered care that is central to meeting the existing and future primary care needs of our nation.

Immunizations have helped children stay healthy for more than 50 years. They are safe and they work. In fact, serious side effects are no more common than those from other types of medication such as antibiotics and fever reducers and pain relievers. Vaccinations have reduced the number of infections from vaccine-preventable diseases by more than 90%! Communicable diseases, including some that are vaccine-preventable like measles, can spread faster and be more severe when children are not immunized and in crowded conditions as occurred during the recent outbreak of measles in Disneyland. Measles has a case-fatality rate as high as 30% and is a fitting example of the importance of vaccinations.

This bill's intent to expands pharmacists' current ability to only administer flu vaccines to now vaccines in general to those 14 -17 years old as authorized by the patient's prescriber or authorizing agent in a medical home, **will increase access to important vaccinations and reduce the vaccine preventable diseases in Hawai'i.**

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