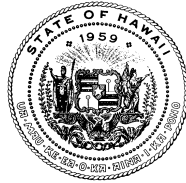


# SB2394

Measure Title:	RELATING TO INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION.
Report Title:	Health Care Workers; Influenza Vaccination
Description:	Requires annual influenza vaccinations for health care workers. Establishes exemptions for influenza vaccination requirement under certain conditions.
Companion:	<a href="#">HB1945</a>
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH, WAM
Introducer(s):	BAKER, TOKUDA, English, Gabbard, Keith-Agaran



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
P. O. Box 3378  
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378  
doh.testimony@doh.hawaii.gov

**Testimony COMMENTING on SB 2394  
Relating to Influenza Immunization**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the Department of Health.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department appreciates and applauds the efforts of our hospital  
3 partners to improve and sustain high health care worker influenza vaccination rates at their  
4 facilities via vaccination-related policy endeavors such as SB 2394. The findings of a 2013  
5 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention review of related published literature indicated that  
6 influenza vaccination of health care workers can enhance patient safety and reduce morbidity  
7 and mortality in hospital patient populations. The mission of the Department of Health is to  
8 protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawaii, and measures such as  
9 SB 2394 clearly align with this mission.

10

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



2/3/2016

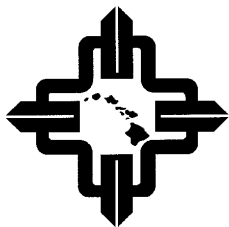
Dear Honorable Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

**I urge you to OPPOSE [SB 2394](#)** which would mandate health care workers receive a yearly flu vaccine. "Health care worker" means all persons, whether paid or unpaid, working or delivering services in a health care facility, including contractors and their employees whose occupational activities involve direct or indirect contact with patients or contaminated material in a health care, hospital, or clinical laboratory setting. **[SB 2394 is scheduled for a hearing Feb. 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.](#)** Please consider the following points:

- The [flu shot is the most compensated vaccine](#) for vaccine injuries and deaths in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.
- According to the CDC, the 2014-15 [flu shot was only approximately 19% effective](#).
- [Multi-dose influenza vaccines contain thimerosal](#), a mercury derivative and known neurotoxin.
- Flu shots are invasive medical procedures and [can induce a range of symptoms](#) including Guillain-Barre Syndrome and anaphylactic reactions.
- [Many labor unions opposed mandatory flu vaccination for health care workers](#).
- The [Cochrane Collaboration concluded](#), "There is no evidence that only vaccinating healthcare workers prevents laboratory-proven influenza or its complications (lower respiratory tract infection, hospitalisation or death due to lower respiratory tract infection) in individuals aged 60 or over in LTCIs and thus no evidence to mandate compulsory vaccination of healthcare workers".
- Physicians, in the [American Medical Association Code of Ethics](#), affirm philosophical and religious exemptions for themselves. Employees should not be discriminated against for choosing not to take a flu vaccine.
- Nobody should be forced to have to choose between a flu shot and their job.

**Please OPPOSE SB 2394.**

Sincerely, Dawn Richardson  
Director of Advocacy, National Vaccine Information Center



**HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS**

C O R P O R A T I O N

*"Quality Healthcare For All"*

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair**  
**Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

February 4, 2016  
Conference Room 229  
9:00 a.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting Intent of Senate Bill 2394 – Relating to Influenza  
Immunization**

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation **supports** SB2394 which seeks to assure high rates of yearly vaccination against influenza among health care workers in Hawaii hospitals. This measure has the potential to protect vulnerable patients in hospitals from potentially being infected by ill workers and can help the problem of employee absenteeism that is associated with influenza outbreaks. As influenza season is associated with high census in our hospitals, it is especially important for our workers to stay healthy during those periods.

As a healthcare provider, HHSC feels that hospitals should set a good example for the public and other organizations to follow. Our facilities have conducted campaigns to raise influenza vaccination rates by various means but voluntary participation has been less than hoped for. The proportion of the workforce vaccinated against influenza will surely increase if this measure is passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
February 4, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

**by  
Laura Reichhardt, NP-C, APRN, Director  
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

**SB 2394 RELATING TO INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION.**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support for SB 2394 Relating to Influenza Immunization.

Research indicates that health care providers unvaccinated for influenza contribute to health care facility-related influenza outbreaks. Further, these outbreaks lead to increased patient morbidity and mortality, worker illness and absenteeism, and increased economic cost to the health care system.<sup>1</sup>

With regard to the nursing workforce, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) is in support of this measure as a means to reduce exposure and potential illness from influenza through effective vaccination programs. Such programs will increase the safety of the health care system for its patients by its health care workers.

Therefore, the HSCN respectfully requests that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health consider SB 2394 favorably at this time. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

---

<sup>1</sup> Stewart, A. M., & Cox, M. A. (2013). State law and influenza vaccination of health care personnel. *Vaccine*, 31(5), 827-832. doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2012.11.063

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [celbald@gmail.com](mailto:celbald@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 11:06:58 AM  
**Attachments:** [Final.SB 2394.Influenza Vaccination.Testimony in Support.2.4.16.doc](#)

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lessie Baldwin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please consider this important bill in preventing the spread of the flu to patients in acute and non-acute settings that may die because a healthcare worker is not vaccinated and comes to work sick. Mahalo!

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



February 04, 2016 at 9:00am  
Conference Room 229

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health**

**To: Senator Roz Baker, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

**From: Hawaii Immunization Coalition**

**Re: Testimony in Support, SB 2394, Relating to Influenza Vaccination**

My name is Dr. Celeste Baldwin, PhD, APRN, CNS, a board member of the Hawai'i Immunization Coalition (HIC) and Nursing Faculty at UH Maui College and graduate faculty at UH Manoa. The HIC is committed to the safety of healthcare workers in the state of Hawai'i. This is based upon the review of the literature for several years back notably in respected research centers such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Georgetown University, the National Adult Influenza Immunization Summit, the Mayo Vaccine Research Group at the Mayo Clinic, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, the Immunization Action Coalition of Minnesota, American Academy of Family Practice Physicians (AAFP), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), just to name a few.

The HIC is writing in **strong support** of SB 2394 which would require mandatory influenza vaccinations for health care workers. In the United States, anywhere from 5% to 20% of the population contracts influenza every year and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related complications. Annual influenza-associated deaths range from 3,000 to 49,000. However, many of these illnesses and deaths are preventable. The most efficient method of preventing annual influenza epidemics is through pre-exposure vaccination. The CDC estimates that influenza vaccination prevented approximately 7.2 million illnesses, 3.1 million medically attended illnesses, and 90,000 hospitalizations associated with influenza in the 2013-14 influenza season.

In Addition, Doctors Polan, Tosh, and Jacobson (2005) suggested that:

*"Health organizations must take responsibility for curbing yearly epidemics that profoundly influence the health of our patients, our health care workers, our communities, and our global health. The US health care system has largely remained self-governing with regard to many health policies.*

*With the recognition that voluntary health care worker immunization programs achieve only dismal vaccination rates among health care workers, the medical community should take decisive action .”*  
(Poland, Tosh, and Jacobson, 2005, Vaccine 23, p.2251-2255)

According to Stewart, Cox, and O’Conner (2011) of the George Washington University School of Public Health recommend:

*“Since 1981, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that all health care workers (HCWs) receive an annual influenza vaccination. The Healthy People objectives aimed for 60% coverage of HCW influenza vaccination by 2010 and 90% coverage by 2020. Although influenza vaccine uptake among HCWs has trended upward over the past several years, the percentage of immunized HCWs has remained approximately 40% between 2004 and 2008.”*

Despite long standing recommendations by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other national healthcare organizations, the response to voluntary programs has failed to increase immunization rates to acceptable levels required to substantially reduce healthcare-acquired influenza. In Hawai’i, the health care worker vaccination level is in the bottom 10% for the entire nation. That is why it is so critical that the legislature take action by passing SB 2394.

Ensuring that all of our hospital health care workers receive the annual influenza vaccination is the right thing to do. Mandatory vaccination programs help health care personnel carry out their professional duty to provide care to all patients without the threat of undue harm caused by influenza transmission. The public has a right to expect that health care workers and the institutions in which they work will take all necessary and reasonable precautions to keep them safe and minimize harm.

Mahalo, for the opportunity to testify!



Maureen Meehan-Golonka, RN

Maureen Meehan-Golonka

President

Hawaii Nurses' Association/ OPEIU Local 50

949 Kapiolani Blvd, Suite 107

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

February 3, 2016

Dear Senators Baker, Kidani, Espero, Ihara, Nishihara, Ruderman, and Sloam,

**On behalf of over 4,000 Registered Nurses and healthcare workers represented by the Hawai'i Nurses' Association/ OPEIU Local 50, I am writing to URGE you to OPPOSE the following bills that infringe upon Healthcare Workers' rights: SB 2393, & SB 2394. It is the Union's position that we support legislation which requires employers to educate their healthcare workers regarding the benefits and limitations of flu vaccination and for healthcare employers to implement effective infection control to prevent the spread of flu without mandatory flu vaccination for employees.**

## **REQUIRED VACCINATION FOR ALL**

**I urge you to OPPOSE [SB 2393](#)** which, by replacing the word “may” with “shall”, would require that the state director of health implement rules for vaccine requirements for the state of Hawaii that codify federal recommendations by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on

Immunization Practices) within 90 days of the recommendation. These apply to everyone, not just school children.

## **FLU SHOT MANDATES FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

**I urge you to also OPPOSE [SB 2394](#)** which would mandate Hawai'i healthcare workers receive a yearly flu vaccine. "Health care worker" means all persons, whether paid or unpaid, working or delivering services in a health care facility, including contractors and their employees whose occupational activities involve direct or indirect contact with patients or contaminated material in a health care, hospital, or clinical laboratory setting.

The following is our OPEIU Nurse Council's position statement regarding the Mandatory Influenza Immunization Initiative:

### **FLU VACCINES FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

WHEREAS, OPEIU Nurse Council supports flu prevention for patients and the general public; and

WHEREAS, nurses and other healthcare workers have a duty and a right to protect patients. Recent evidence shows mandatory flu vaccinations and masking policies fail these tests; and

WHEREAS, flu vaccination policies requiring healthcare workers to be vaccinated have proliferated since the Virginia Mason case in 2004; and

WHEREAS, such policies vary greatly from locale to locale; and

WHEREAS, mandatory flu vaccinations as a condition of employment is unfair to healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS, many employers have implemented religious exemptions to mandatory flu vaccination for their healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS, many of those religious exemptions are vague and inconsistent with federal discrimination laws; and

WHEREAS, the billion dollar pharmaceutical companies who provide flu vaccinations are lobbying Congress for a national policy requiring flu vaccination for healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS, Medicare reimbursement rates may be effected by the number of healthcare workers who are vaccinated at that healthcare facility; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the OPEIU 26th Convention commit itself to lobby for legislation requiring employers to educate their healthcare workers as to the benefits**

**and limitations of flu vaccination and for healthcare employers to implement effective infection control to prevent the spread of flu without mandatory flu vaccination for employees.**

Sincerely,

Maureen Meehan-Golonka, RN

President

Hawai'i Nurses' Association/

OPEIU Local 50



**February 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM**  
**Conference Room 229**

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker  
Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani

From: George Greene  
President and CEO  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**  
**SB 2394, Relating to Influenza Immunization**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 180 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

We would like to thank Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health for the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB 2394. We support efforts to increase influenza vaccination rates at acute care facilities in Hawaii as a way to help protect patients receiving care in a hospital setting.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, and the American Hospital Association all recommend that health care workers in hospitals get a flu vaccine every year. There are three main benefits to yearly flu vaccines for healthcare workers in acute care facilities. First, healthcare workers reduce their chances of contracting the flu and subsequently passing it on to patients in those settings. Second, the workforce is better protected during a flu outbreak, helping to avert critical personnel shortages. Lastly, it provides an example to the general public that flu vaccines benefit public health.

According to the CDC, the flu can be a serious and potentially lethal disease. Young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and individuals with certain medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease are particularly at-risk for developing serious complications from the flu. Because these vulnerable populations are often treated in hospitals, the CDC finds that it is especially important for the health care workers in acute care facilities who directly care for these high-risk

patients to get vaccinated annually.

Studies have shown that requiring hospital employees to get inoculated against the flu every year will increase vaccination coverage. A policy statement issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in support of mandatory annual vaccinations for healthcare workers aggregated a number of studies and reports to substantiate their position. The AAP reiterates that influenza poses serious risks for patients, and that immunization is the single most effective way to prevent contraction of the virus.<sup>i</sup>

The statement also provides evidence that voluntary immunization programs, unlike mandatory programs, do not significantly increase immunization rates among healthcare workers. The CDC also has telling numbers compiled on flu vaccine coverage. According to the agency, “[e]arly season flu vaccination coverage was higher among health care personnel whose employers required (85.8%) or recommended (68.4%) that they be vaccinated, compared to those whose employer did not have a policy or recommendation regarding flu vaccination (43.4%).”<sup>ii</sup>

Therefore, according to the AAP, state-based vaccination requirements are more reliable and efficient in increasing coverage rates for healthcare workers in hospitals. Having a state-based requirement could also make it easier for individual acute care facilities to follow because it would set uniform standards.

Because of the benefits of inoculation and state-based requirements, we would ask for your support of this proposal. This legislation will help to promote patient safety and avert personnel shortages during an outbreak in hospitals and will set a positive example showing the public health benefits of vaccinations.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this measure.

---

<sup>i</sup> <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/136/4/809>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/healthcareworkers.htm>

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [michaelr@kapiolani.org](mailto:michaelr@kapiolani.org)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 2:47:04 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melinda Ashton, MD	Hawaii Pacific Health	Support	Yes

Comments: Testimony in support.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII  
*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, &  
Health**

**Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 2394 RELATING TO INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 2394, which requires annual influenza vaccinations for health care workers and establishes exemptions for influenza vaccination requirement under certain conditions.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Pre-exposure influenza vaccinations help to prevent millions of cases of seasonal flu-related complications and illness every year. In order to protect the public, SB 2394 works to fulfill the expectation that health centers and institutions will take necessary precautions to prevent harm and remain places of healing. Ensuring hospital healthcare workers receive an annual influenza vaccination will allow them to continue to care for all patients and not fear transmission. To protect the health of the public and healthcare workers, the Chamber supports the passing of SB 2394.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**Testimony of  
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito  
on behalf of  
Walgreen Company**

DATE: February 3, 2016

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health  
*Submitted Via [CPHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:CPHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)*

RE: **S.B. 2394– Relating to Influenza Immunization**  
**Hearing Date: Thursday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Room: 229**

---

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Health:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates stores at more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawaii, Walgreens now has 20 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawaii.

Walgreens **supports** S.B. 2394, which requires annual influenza vaccinations for health care workers.

Walgreens is committed to promoting public health by improving the accessibility of vaccines, including the influenza vaccine. We believe that expanding the use of the influenza vaccine in the hospital setting will serve as a valuable preventative tool. It will also promote overall health and awareness, both within in the health care industry and our community.

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

---

Gary M. Slovin  
Mihoko E. Ito  
C. Mike Kido  
Tiffany N. Yajima

999 Bishop Street, Suite 1400  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 539-0840



**February 04, 2016 at 9:00am  
Conference Room 229**

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health**

To: Senator Roz Baker, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Nadine Smith, MSN, LNHA  
Chief Operating officer for Ohana Pacific Management Company

**Re: Testimony in Support, SB 2394, Relating to Influenza Vaccination**

My name is Nadine Smith and I am the Chief Operating Officer for Ohana Pacific Management Company (OPMC) owning and operating five healthcare facilities servicing more than 500 patients on Oahu and Kauai as well as an adult day health program and home health agency on Kauai.

OPMC is the largest privately owned post-acute health care provider in the state and strives to provide the highest quality of post-acute care to the Hawaii population. Our foundation for delivery of care encompasses many aspects but quality is the main driver and preventing or minimizing health care associated illness is of utmost importance in a state that receives an influx of people from throughout the country and other nations. We fully comprehend the critical nature of influenza and the role it plays within our healthcare system in Hawaii.

OPMC strongly supports SB 2394 which would require mandatory influenza vaccinations for health care workers. The epidemic numbers nationwide clearly outline the importance of a push for mandatory immunizations among healthcare providers. Influenza can and should be minimized as well as associated unnecessary deaths that could be prevented had more people received the appropriate annual immunizations. As healthcare workers we need to be the role models for the rest of the population. Recommending vaccinations to patients when we ourselves do not hold the same standard sends mixed messages and defeats the purpose of the immunization process.

Allowing the vaccination to be voluntary has led to below average responses and Hawaii ranks as one of the lowest states nationwide despite encountering some of the highest opportunities for exposure due to tourism. This further supports the passing of SB 2394.

Despite long standing recommendations by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other national healthcare organizations, the response to voluntary programs has failed to increase immunization rates to acceptable levels required to substantially reduce healthcare-acquired influenza. In Hawai'i, the health care worker vaccination level is in the bottom 10% for the entire nation. As healthcare providers our duty is to protect our patients from unnecessary illnesses, complications, and associated negative outcomes but failure to receive vaccinations is counterproductive to our professional duty. That is why it is so critical that the legislature take action by passing SB 2394.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nadine Smith, RN". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nadine Smith

February 04, 2016 at 9:00am  
Conference Room 229

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health**

**To: Senator Roz Baker, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

**Re: Testimony in Support, SB 2394, Relating to Influenza Vaccination**

Aloha Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee thank you for this opportunity to provide **strong support for SB 2394**. My name is Dr. Denise Cohen, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, a Professor of Nursing at UH Maui College and Clinical Director of the UHMC Campus Health Center. I am in charge of working with MMMC to ensure that our nursing faculty and nursing students are appropriately vaccinated prior to going to their respected clinical sites.

*According to Cohen & Casken (2012):*

Influenza is a seasonal contagion that is of worldwide importance. It is usually self-limiting but may cause serious complications and death. Globally, severe influenza infections develop in 3-5 million people annually, resulting in approximately 250,000 – 500,000 deaths. Approximately 20% of children and 5% of adults worldwide develop symptomatic influenza each year.

Healthcare workers (HCWs) are considered vectors of influenza as they can acquire influenza from their patients or the community and/or transmit influenza to other patients and staff. Since healthcare workers

In addition Healthcare workers often come to work sick because of workplace culture and lack of knowledge regarding the spread. Outbreaks have been documented over the years in long-term care facilities, neonatal ICUs, adult ICUs all with tragic consequences. Residents in long-term care facilities may experience attack rates as high as 60% and fatality rates of 55%. Although residents are routinely vaccinated outbreaks still occur because HCW vaccination is an overlooked strategy for preventing the spread of influenza virus. Many healthcare workers do not have the symptoms of influenza but can still spread the disease. In fact influenza is spread 1-4 days before the onset of symptoms. Having an annual influenza shot may prevent the spread of the disease by that route.

In a study reported by Wilde (1999) *“mild influenza season 13.4% of young healthy unvaccinated HCWs had serologic evidence of influenza compared to 1.7% of vaccinated HCWs.”*

Despite long standing recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Nurses Association the response to volunteer programs remains around 60% and have failed to meet the 2020 healthy people goals of 90%. This is why it is so critical that the legislature take by action by passing SB 2394.

Ensuring that all of our hospital health care workers receive the annual influenza vaccination is the right thing to do. Mandatory vaccination programs help health care personnel carry out their professional duty to provide care to all patients without the threat of undue harm caused by influenza transmission. The public has a right to expect that health care workers and the institutions in which they work will take all necessary and reasonable precautions to keep them safe and minimize harm.

Again I am in B of the SB 2394 requiring mandatory annual influenza vaccination of all healthcare workers. Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony.



**February 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM**  
**Conference Room 229**

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker  
Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani

From: Geri Young, MD  
Chief Medical Officer  
Kaua'i Medical Clinic

**Re: Testimony in Support - SB 2394, Relating to Influenza Immunization**

My name is Geri Young, MD a Pediatrician and Chief Medical Officer at Kaua'i Medical Clinic. Wilcox Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital located in Lihue, Kaua'i, and is dedicated to the health and well-being of all Hawai'i residents. The hospital is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

Wilcox is writing in **strong support** of SB 2394 which would require mandatory influenza vaccinations for health care workers. In the United States, anywhere from 5% to 20% of the population contracts influenza every year and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related complications. Influenza-associated deaths have been estimated to be as many as 49,000 per year. The CDC estimates that influenza vaccination prevented approximately 7.2 million illnesses, 3.1 million medically attended illnesses, and 90,000 hospitalizations associated with influenza in the 2013-14 influenza season. The most efficient method of preventing annual influenza epidemics is through pre-exposure vaccination

The public has a right to expect that health care workers and the institutions in which they work will take all necessary and reasonable precautions to keep them safe and minimize harm. Mandatory vaccination programs help health care personnel carry out their professional duty to provide care to all patients without the threat of undue harm caused by influenza transmission. Ensuring that all of our hospital health care workers receive the annual influenza vaccination is the right thing to do.

We ask that you pass SB2394.

**KEITH MATSUMOTO, M.D.***Pediatrics*

Kapiolani Medical Center For Women and Children  
1319 Punahou Street, Suite 900  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826  
Telephone: 949-0011  
Physicians Exchange: 524-2575

February 4, 2016 at 9:00am  
Conference Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker  
Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani

From: Keith Matsumoto, MD

RE: Testimony in Support  
SB 2394, Relating to Influenza Immunization

My name is Keith Matsumoto and I'm a pediatrician in private practice. I am writing in strong support of SB 2394 which would require mandatory influenza vaccinations for health care workers. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that annual influenza-associated deaths range from 3,000 to 49,000. Influenza is a highly contagious, deadly disease, but it's preventable. Patients should expect the highest level of protection from their doctors and nurses. Many of our patients are medically vulnerable. We have an ethical and professional obligation to act in the best interest of our patients' health, so we should do everything we can to reduce the transmission of preventable diseases like the flu. This is our ethical and moral duty, and we need to lead by example. If we, get vaccinated, there is a good chance that patients will emulate our example.

The influenza vaccine is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of the flu virus. However, despite the vaccine's effectiveness and the staggering effect of influenza on our population every year, the community has been slow to adopt the practice. Less than 74% of Hawaii's health care workers get the vaccine. Voluntary programs are not effective because health-care workers still have misconceptions about risks and benefits of the vaccine. It's true that there is sometimes mismatch between the vaccine and circulating flu strain, but when there is a match, the effectiveness can be as high as 90%. The CDC estimates that influenza vaccinations prevented approximately 7.2 million illness, 3.1 million medically attended illnesses, and 90,000 hospitalizations associated with influenza in the 2013-14 influenza season.

I think health care professional have an obligation to get vaccinated - not just to ourselves, not just to our families, but to the patients we care for. Many people have conditions such as asthma, heart disease and diabetes that make getting the flu particularly dangerous. But, influenza vaccine to get our immunization rates as close to 100% as we can.

Please vote yes on SB 2394.

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [soulyogahawaii@gmail.com](mailto:soulyogahawaii@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:06:42 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/3/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nicole floyd	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [naturalgeek@yahoo.com](mailto:naturalgeek@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:10:17 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lani Orr	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Respectful of the Ways and Means and Public Health committees, please consider that health care workers are educated people and best able to judge the pros and cons for themselves whether or not to receive a flu vaccine. It does not need to be mandated. I oppose all mandatory vaccinations as a violation of individual and collective freedoms.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [angrybraids@aol.com](mailto:angrybraids@aol.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 9:35:42 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amelia Ensign	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [aubrey\\_aea@yahoo.com](mailto:aubrey_aea@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 11:58:17 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aubrey Aea	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please OPPOSE! Individuals have a right to choose what is injected into their bodies, NOT the government.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [begoniabarry@gmail.com](mailto:begoniabarry@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 10:32:03 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To replace my last testimony. Health care workers do not need to be exposed to the latest flu vaccine to serve the public. I've heard of several of my friends that have contracted the flu after taking the flu immunization. Allow it to be voluntary, NOT mandatory. If they get the flu, then they stay home from work like everyone else. The flu vaccine is a guessing game. When they make it, the drug companies are guessing on what flu type will be present next year. It's a crap shoot and these vaccines have not been proven effective or safe no mater what the CDC says. I would rather get the flu than these toxic flu shots and many people feel the same way!

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [begoniabarry@gmail.com](mailto:begoniabarry@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 10:24:56 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Health care workers do not need to be exposed to the latest flu vaccine to serve the public. I've heard of several of my friends that have contracted the flu after taking the flu immunization. Allow it to be mandatory. NOT needed to be mandatory. If they get the flu, then they stay home from work like everyone else. The flu vaccine is a guessing game. When they make it, the drug companies are guessing on what flu type will be present next year. It's a crap shoot and these vaccines have not been proven effective or safe no mater what the CDC says.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [unaviami@yahoo.com](mailto:unaviami@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 9:41:04 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryna Storch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Not in one single generation in the history of mankind has it been appropriate or truly for the greater good for the government to control our bodies. Forced compliance is the foodstuffs of fascists and nazis, and the fuel of for-profit corporations. Moreover, these measures are clearly for the benefit of the for-profit, patented pharmaceutical industry. Imposing patented products on the public would create a government sponsored industry monopoly.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [thinkingglobal@gmail.com](mailto:thinkingglobal@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 1:16:28 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carmen Golay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose vaccine mandates for anyone, and health care workers are no exception. Every single person must maintain the rights over his or her own body. Being threatened with dismissal for a vaccine that has such a low efficacy rate is ludicrous. (CDC listed 2015 as about 15%, which only means that antibodies showed up on tests. It can't be proven that it prevented the flu.) Also, flu vaccines have the highest rates of reported injuries, including death and long term disabling conditions. Even if these are "rare" there is still risk. And when there is a risk, there must be a choice. Nurses Against Mandatory Vaccination is a 22,000 member strong group who advocates always for choice because we do not want to lose our brightest and best caregivers to vaccine injury or loss of job due to these kind of mandates.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

February 3, 2016

To: Senator Roslyn Baker, Chair of the Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health Committee,  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair of the Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health Committee,  
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair of the Judiciary and Labor Committee,  
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair of the Judiciary and Labor Committee

From: Cheryl Toyofuku

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 2394 relating to influenza vaccination

Hearing: Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 9:00 am., Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

I strongly oppose SB 2394. The State should not REQUIRE annual influenza vaccinations for health care workers. Requiring all health care workers to receive this vaccine as a precondition to employment and on an annual basis is in accordance with the latest recommendations from the the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Center for Disease Control.. As stated in my testimony for SB 2393, public confidence in these national vaccine policy makers is at an all time low. Valid reasons were stated for the violation of public trust.

As the bill states, health care professionals are looked to for guidance on good health practice and receiving the flu vaccine set a positive example to the community. This is in preparation for the agenda to mandate vaccinations for the masses. Here are some reasons why the State must not mandate vaccinations:

- Although this bill provides for medical and religious belief exemptions, another bill HB 1722 was introduced to remove the exemption for bona fide religious tenets and practices. The strategy to mandate vaccines is evident, not only to health care workers, but to the general public.
- Thousands of adverse reactions to vaccines are reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System. For the influenza vaccine, there are more than 104,465 adverse reactions, 9037 hospitalizations, 2003 injuries & disabilities and 1, 115 deaths. Adverse reactions include syncope, muscle aches & weakness, headache, arthralgia, gastrointestinal symptoms, lymphadenopathy, eye disorders, allergic reactions including anaphylaxis, angioedema, rhinitis, laryngitis, cellulitis, nervous system disorders such as dizziness, paresthesia, hypoesthesia, hypokinesia, tremor, somnolence, syncope, Guillan Barre syndrome, convulsions/seizures, facial or cranial nerve paralysis encephalopathy, limb paralysis, insomnia, dyspnea, bronchospasm, throat tightness, rash.
- Regular flu shots contain egg protein and avian contaminant viruses, formaldehyde (carcinogen), resin (known allergen), thimerisol (mercury) in multi-dose vials (neurotoxic), triton x00 (detergent), gentamycin (antibiotic), polysorbate 8 (allergen, infertility in mice), sucrose (table sugar), gelatin (known allergen), aluminum (neurotoxin), ethylene glycol (antifreeze used as a disinfectant)
- Government agencies and vaccine manufacturers spend so much time, energy and tax dollars promoting the flu vaccine annually, along with the increasing schedule for other vaccines. Industry profits should not be prioritized over public health safety.

Once again, as our lawmakers, you are encouraged to invest time, energy, research and resources into other health programs that promote healthy lifestyles and health care, instead of adopting federal health policies that mandate more toxic vaccinations.

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [christopherryang@aol.com](mailto:christopherryang@aol.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 11:04:10 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Gross	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Forcing an individual to inject a vaccine that may or may not be 100% safe for the person is wrong. This legislation should only be considered with appropriate exemptions in place. Until these are able to be shown to be 100% safe and effective (which they are not) mandating them is wrong.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [cindalerra@gmail.com](mailto:cindalerra@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 9:10:52 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to SB2394. All vaccines carry risks and with these risks, people must be allowed a choice. Any medical procedure must allow for voluntary consent of the person. Why should the administration of vaccines be different?

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [clareloprinzi@gmail.com](mailto:clareloprinzi@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 7:47:59 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Many of us have chosen alternative form of care and healing not through faulty understanding of medical principles, but as a result of active and reasoned disagreement with them. This is too much that a medical establishment or a government can come to believe that they can force their medicine on anyone. It is not your place. Cultural Practitioners have strong medicinal modalities. Respect us. We have our ways and they work and they are not part of multi billion dollar businesses or invested interest or flawed biased studies.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [dawn@pitreart.com](mailto:dawn@pitreart.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 11:08:20 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Poiani	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Please oppose SB2394 It is understandable that the state would want to limit the spread of flu in hospital settings, however the flu vaccine most years is less than 50% effective and is not free from side effects for many and some reactions can be severe and debilitating. The risk, some years, of the flu vaccine actually out weigh the benefits. By forcing workers to receive the flu vaccine, you are taking away their rights of their bodies to make choices for their own health. It is a slippery slope in which the state is playing god with the health of the individual and is interfering with individual rights and liberties. Allow the institutions of health, set their own policy for flu vaccinations. The state is over stepping its bounds by mandating the flu vaccine to hospital workers. Thank you for your considerations, Dawn Poiani

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

This is a bad bill and it needs to be rejected. It's an unconscionable and unprecedented attack on religious freedom, human rights and the health of all Hawaiians.

Injury and death are some of the \*listed\* risks on the labels of vaccine injections. No worker should be forced to subject himself or herself to such hazards as a matter of law.

I urge Hawaii to REJECT this bad bill. It's sure to injure healthy people, draw lawsuits and cost legislators their seats.

D.M. McLean  
Lahaina, Maui

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [mauifaith@gmail.com](mailto:mauifaith@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 5:59:08 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faith Chase	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [akamaimom@gmail.com](mailto:akamaimom@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 10:24:00 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Felicia Cowden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE SB2394 Mandating Flu shots on all workers. Mandating shots is egregious on all levels. There are many different types of flus. The flu shot is not even proven to be effective. There are better ways to prohibit workers from coming to hospitals and health care facilities when they are sick and a wide variety of sicknesses exist. Why single out one possibility?

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

February 02, 2016

**RE: SB 2394**

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

<b>Measure Title:</b>	RELATING TO INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION.
<b>Report Title:</b>	Health Care Workers; Influenza Vaccination
<b>Description:</b>	Requires annual influenza vaccinations for health care workers. Establishes exemptions for influenza vaccination requirement under certain conditions.
<b>Companion:</b>	<a href="#">HB1945</a>
<b>Package:</b>	None
<b>Current Referral:</b>	CPH, WAM
<b>Introducer(s):</b>	BAKER, TOKUDA, English, Gabbard, Keith-Agaran

**I, Janell Tuttle, am submitting personal testimony in opposition of SB 2394 which requires annual influenza vaccinations for Healthcare workers.**

**Healthcare workers should have the right to refuse this shot as it is their basic human right. To force this on any Health Care Worker is a violation of their basic human right to their persons.**

**This is a choice every Healthcare worker should be able to make on their own, not something government should force on them.**

**Let them chose for themselves!**

**Sincerely,**

**Janell Tuttle**

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [irish23unite@yahoo.com](mailto:irish23unite@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 4:00:39 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeanne Marie Long	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This violates the civil rights of everyone mandated to take it as it takes away informed choice. This bill affects me personally and strongly oppose this vaccine.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [jennahia@yahoo.com](mailto:jennahia@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 9:20:33 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Noelani Ahia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a healthcare practitioner in the field of Chinese Medicine. I hold a Masters in Science in Traditional Oriental Medicine from The Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in New York City. I currently practice on the Island of Maui. I am opposed to this bill. I have extensive training in vaccine theory. While I am not opposed to all vaccines, I am opposed to them being forced of people, including healthcare workers. There is little evidence that the flu vaccine protects adequately. The strains are constantly changing and this vaccine cannot keep up. The risks and unintended side effects of this vaccine are worse than the flu virus itself. The decision to vaccinate should be between an individual and their healthcare practitioner and not be mandated by government agencies.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
To: [CPH Testimony](#)  
Cc: [jen7lynn@msn.com](mailto:jen7lynn@msn.com)  
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
Date: Monday, February 01, 2016 2:04:06 PM

---

### **SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Viets	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: \*The flu vaccine is not effective. Effectiveness rates are about 11-23%.

\*The choices for flu vaccination are an injection that has the toxic preservative thimerosal or a live virus nasal spray. - Thimerosal breaks down into ethylmercury in the body and is found in brains in animal research. - If you've opted for the live virus nasal spray you are supposed to not have a compromised immune system or be around others with compromised immune systems (perhaps not the best idea for our healthcare workers?!?). Pregnant women are also not allowed to get the nasal spray and are therefore subjected to being injected with the thimerosal-laden injection, which has NOT been tested for safety in pregnant women and could very well adversely affect the fetus. \* Many report that the flu vaccine actually causes illness post-injection. In fact, there are more than 104,465 adverse reactions, hospitalizations (9,037), injuries, disabilities (2,003) and deaths (1,115) reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS). \*If there is an adverse event, the individual is responsible for proving the injury, has to pay \$400 to file a complaint and has to hire a lawyer to defend them. The maker of the vaccine is not held liable and cannot be sued for any injury. That might occur. \* Vaccination is linked to a number of adverse health outcomes including: acute encephalopathy, anaphylaxis, Guillain Barre Syndrome, acute and chronic arthritis, smallpox, polio, measles and varicella zoster vaccine strain infections (i.e. getting the illness that you were vaccinated against; can also be a carrier of these infections and spread to others), chronic nervous system dysfunction, febrile seizures, brachial neuritis, thrombocytopenia, shock, syncope, and even death. There is also some evidence that vaccinations could be linked to the following: asthma, allergies, autism, communication disorders, intellectual disability, disruptive behavior disorder, seizures, epilepsy, autoimmune disorders (e.g. POTS, MS, DM1, and many more), learning disorders, tics and Tourette's, ADHD, and more. \*The bottom line is that there is NOT enough evidence to definitively state that vaccination is safe for everyone, and therefore individuals and parents should always be able to choose, with the advice of their own healthcare providers. \*Most importantly, in medicine we are given INFORMED CONSENT and therefore also have the option of informed dissent. We do not have to say yes to any medical procedure or treatment. Vaccines are no different. We have a right to our bodies and what goes in them. The state has no right to mandate vaccination.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [jessicamitchell51@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicamitchell51@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Saturday, January 30, 2016 8:17:21 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 1/30/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
To: [CPH Testimony](#)  
Cc: [c21oahu@aol.com](mailto:c21oahu@aol.com)  
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
Date: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 1:29:33 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jill White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I have a vaccine injured son with Autism. Dale is nine years old and only has a handful of ineligibile words. We need to be able to look at our family history and make individual decisions regarding our families health care choices. I am writing to you to ask you to oppose 7 bills that combined could turn Hawaii into America's only FORCED vaccination state: HB 1946, SB 2393, HB 1910, SB 2316, HB 1945, SB 2394, and HB 1722. HPV VACCINE MANDATES FOR KIDS I urge you to OPPOSE HB 1910 and SB 2316 which would mandate that all students entering 7th grade in Hawaii receive at least one dose of HPV (human papillomavirus vaccine). These bills would also allow pharmacists to administer HPV Vaccines to children between the ages of 11 and 17 and require all insurance policies to cover 3 visits for HPV Vaccine. SB 2316 is scheduled for a hearing on Feb. 2, 2016 at 9:45 AM in conference room 229. This is a joint committee hearing with the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health and the Senate Committee on Education. · HPV is a sexually transmitted virus and not contagious in a school setting so a school vaccine mandate is unnecessary. The vaccine is already available to anyone who wants it so legislative requirements are not necessary; · HPV infection is experienced by the majority of sexually active women and men and is naturally cleared from the body within two years by more than 90 percent of those who become infected; · Merck studied GARDASIL for less than 3 years in about 1200 healthy girls and 1400 healthy boys under age 16; it was not tested in children with health problems or in combination with all the other vaccines routinely given to American adolescents; · Thousands of reports of unexplained collapse, seizures, muscle pain and weakness; disabling fatigue, paralysis, brain inflammation, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, blood clots, multiple sclerosis, strokes, heart and other serious health problems, including death, have been reported after GARDASIL shots; · CERVARIX was studied for less than 6 years in fewer than 1200 healthy girls under age 15; it was not tested in children with health problems or when given simultaneously with other childhood vaccines; · Unexplained collapse, muscle and joint pain and weakness; fatigue; brain inflammation, reactive and rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, scleroderma, hypothyroidism; multiple sclerosis, optic neuritis, spontaneous abortions, heart and other serious health problems, including death, have been reported after CERVARIX shots; · It is not known whether GARDASIL or CERVARIX can cause infertility, cancer or damage genes. REQUIRED

VACCINATION FOR ALL I urge you to OPPOSE HB 1946 and SB 2393 which, by replacing the word “may” with “shall”, would require that the state director of health implement rules for vaccine requirements for the state of Hawaii that codify federal recommendations by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) within 90 days of the recommendation. These apply to everyone, not just school children. SB 2393 is scheduled for a hearing Feb. 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health in conference room 229. I urge you to also OPPOSE HB 1722, which would eliminate the religious belief exemption to vaccination for public school students. This bill prohibits a parent from exercising their freedom of conscience that applies to their religious beliefs and obtaining a religious exemption for their child for one or more state required vaccinations.

- There is No Compelling State Interest. There is no public health emergency or compelling state interest that justifies forcing vaccination by violating the right to freedom of conscience and personally held sincere religious beliefs.
- o High Vaccination Rates, Low Vaccine Exemption Rates. In the 2013-2014 school year, the CDC reported that an estimated 99% of kindergarten children in Hawaii had received five DTaP shots; 98.7% had received two MMR shots and 99.2% had received two varicella zoster shots, (The CDC excluded Hawaii's rates in the 2014-2015 report) The CDC also reported only 754 students had religious vaccine exemptions in the whole state, giving Hawaii the distinction of having one of the highest vaccination rates in the country along with low vaccine exemption rates.
- o Low Infectious Disease Rates. According to the CDC, in 2014 Hawaii had a pertussis incidence rate of 2.7 per 100,000 persons (38 pertussis cases), one of the lowest in the nation. Also according to the CDC, during the past year, Hawaii has had zero cases of measles reported.
- o No Other State Requires Everyone to Be Vaccinated.
- o Exemptions Should be Expanded, not Restricted.
- Vaccines Carry a Risk of Harm. Vaccines are pharmaceutical products that carry a risk of injury or death, a fact that was acknowledged by the U.S. Congress in 1986 when it passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. Since 1988, the federal vaccine injury compensation program created under that law has awarded more than \$3 billion to children and adults injured by vaccines or to families whose loved ones died from vaccine reactions, although two out of three who apply are denied compensation. The Institute of Medicine in a series of reports on vaccine safety spanning 25 years has acknowledged there is individual susceptibility to vaccine reactions for genetic, biological and environmental reasons that have not been fully defined by science, and doctors often cannot predict ahead of time who will be harmed. Long standing gaps in vaccine safety research and emerging evidence that certain vaccines do not prevent infection or transmission of disease, urgently require legal protection of physician's rights and parental rights regarding medical and religious exemptions to vaccination for minor children.
- Vaccine Manufacturers Have No Civil Liability. The 1986 law partially shielded drug companies selling vaccines in the U.S. from civil liability and, in 2011, the US Supreme Court completely shielded vaccine manufacturers from liability for FDA licensed and CDC recommended vaccines. There is no product liability or accountability for pharmaceutical companies marketing federally recommended and state mandated vaccines that injure Americans or cause their death, which makes flexible medical and non-medical vaccine exemptions in vaccine policies and laws the only way Americans can protect themselves and their children from vaccine risks and failures.
- Many New Vaccines are Coming. The

CDC's childhood vaccine schedule in 1983 was 23 doses of seven vaccines (DPT, MMR, polio) given before age six, and the cost of vaccinating a child with all federally recommended vaccines was \$80 per child in a pediatric private practice. That cost has increased to about \$2800 per child in 2015 because the numbers of federally recommended vaccines for children has increased to 69 doses of 16 vaccines between day of birth and age 18. There are several thousand vaccine clinical trials being conducted, including for infectious and non-infectious diseases such as gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, HIV/AIDS, genital herpes, RSV, strep B, cytomegalovirus, hepatitis C, tuberculosis, e-coli, salmonella, asthma, diabetes, obesity, anti-cocaine and heroin use. Many of these new vaccines in development will be federally recommended for children. • Hawaii's Medical Exemptions are Too Strict to Use. The CDC Reports that 0 kindergarten students in Hawaii used a medical exemption in the 2014-2015 school year. Current law §325-34 only allows medical exemptions for 3 months after a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or an authorized representative of the department of health has signed two copies of a certificate stating the name and address of the person and that because of a stated cause the health of the person would be endangered by the vaccination or immunization. This is too short a period of time for the medical exemption to apply for children with long term health problems or with a history of vaccine reactions. If the religious exemption is removed, this medical exemption is the only exemption that is available for school children. Physicians should not be time restricted by the legislature in exercising their professional judgement about medical exemptions for vaccination. When there is risk of harm from a pharmaceutical product, especially a product that is marketed by companies completely shielded from civil liability, the parent's or individual's right to exercise conscience, religious belief and informed consent on behalf of a minor child or themselves must be legally protected. In light of the fact that vaccine risks are not borne equally by all due to known and unknown individual genetic and other biological or environmental susceptibilities, parental rights, individual informed consent rights, as well as those of a state licensed physician or designated vaccine provider to exercise professional judgment in protecting a child from vaccine injury and death, must be preserved in health policies and laws. The least restrictive means for ensuring the public health and safety should be employed by the legislature to protect public trust in the wisdom and fairness of government policy and law. There is no public health emergency in Hawaii or compelling state interest that justifies the passage of these bills which would violate human, civil and parental rights. **FLU SHOT MANDATES FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS** I urge you to also **OPPOSE** HB 1945 and SB 2394 which would mandate health care workers receive a yearly flu vaccine. "Health care worker" means all persons, whether paid or unpaid, working or delivering services in a health care facility, including contractors and their employees whose occupational activities involve direct or indirect contact with patients or contaminated material in a health care, hospital, or clinical laboratory setting. SB 2394 is scheduled for a hearing Feb. 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health in conference room 229. • The flu shot is the most compensated vaccine for vaccine injuries and deaths in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. • According to the CDC, the 2014-15 flu shot was only approximately 19% effective. • Multi-dose influenza vaccines contain thimerosal, a mercury derivative and known neurotoxin. • Flu shots are invasive medical procedures and can induce a

range of symptoms including Guillain-Barre Syndrome and anaphylactic reactions. · Many labor unions opposed mandatory flu vaccination for health care workers. · The Cochrane Collaboration concluded, "There is no evidence that only vaccinating healthcare workers prevents laboratory-proven influenza or its complications (lower respiratory tract infection, hospitalisation or death due to lower respiratory tract infection) in individuals aged 60 or over in LTCIs and thus no evidence to mandate compulsory vaccination of healthcare workers". · Physicians, in the American Medical Association Code of Ethics, affirm philosophical and religious exemptions for themselves. Employees should not be discriminated against for choosing not to take a flu vaccine. · Nobody should be forced to have to choose between a flu shot and their job. No one should have to subject their family to substances that have already caused adverse reactions to blood relatives. Sincerely, Jill White 95-1011 Kaapeha St #44 Mililani HI 96789 342-3613

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



From: [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
To: [CPH Testimony](#)  
Cc: [joanopeiu50@gmail.com](mailto:joanopeiu50@gmail.com)  
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
Date: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 7:46:56 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/3/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Craft RN	Hawaii Nurses' Association OPEIU Local 50	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Lawmakers, I applauded the intention of this bill. As a resident of Hawaii for more than 40 years and a practicing Registered Nurse for more than 20 years that last 17 as a Critical Care Nurse at the Queen's medical center, I do care for the health of the people of Hawaii. One of my concern regarding the bill is its rational - "Because health care professionals are looked to for guidance on good health practices, increasing the number of health care personnel in hospitals that receive the influenza vaccine sets a positive example that will encourage the community to proactively protect themselves from the flu. I could not find any studies to support this ideas effectiveness. Will it actually increase the influenza vaccine rate among the residence of Hawaii or would community outreach program to do this much better There should be a more compelling reason to require a medical treatment that would require informed consent for everyone else, to be a forced condition of employment for a health care provider. A person decision to accept or reject different medical treatments is their choice – The second concern I have is the requirement to wear a mask if a nurse cannot receive an annual influenza vaccination. What is the effect of nurse wearing a mask? Will it make the already fearful sick child even more afraid, will it increase the agitation of a psychiatric or delirious patient – increasing their suffering or putting the healthcare provider at increase risk for injury? The flu vaccine is not nearly 100% effective – a percentage of those who have the vaccination are not immunized, this is known as vaccine failure – these healthcare providers would not wear a mask but would be just as contagious as a co-worker who, could not receive the flu vaccination because of religious or medical reasons. If wearing a mask intention is to prevent the transmission of the flu from a healthcare provider to a patient, then all healthcare providers during the flu season should be wearing a mask, otherwise people who have medical or religious reasons for not receiving an influenza vaccine are being treated in a prejudice way. There should be a stronger stated reason to enact a law that denies informed consent for a medical treatment as a condition of employment, than the hope that the example set by those workers will encourage the general public to get the flu shot. Thank you for your consideration Joan Craft RN

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [info@joannatano.com](mailto:info@joannatano.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 12:33:27 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Tano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [joannaction@yahoo.com](mailto:joannaction@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 10:31:40 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Wheelers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha: Please oppose this kind of bills that are an attack on our civil liberties. Vaccine injury is tragedy that affects people in ways that will forever change or even end their lives. A friend of mine got Gillian Barre after a flu shot. He went from being perfectly healthy and able mid 30s year old to crippled.He lost his job,his home,his wife. No one told him that that was even a possibility . He had never had or heard from Gillian Barre,nor I. Please, don't allow big pharma have power over us to fatten their bottom lines. Again, whistle blowers talking about the complicatons and lack of benefits of this kind of shots.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/05/130516215453.htm> Please protect our civil liberties. Thank you.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [kehaulaniapua@gmail.com](mailto:kehaulaniapua@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 10:25:58 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jocina Alani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [drjoeka@gmail.com](mailto:drjoeka@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 6:22:35 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

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

Comments: If health care providers (who are in fact best informed as to the efficacy of this modality) are choosing not to vaccinate, why should those untrained in health care pass legislation to require them to vaccinate. Contrary to the dogma promulgated by those advocating vaccination, there are many legitimate reasons for educated practitioners and others to choose not to vaccinate. In fact there is a large body of scientific evidence questioning the efficacy and demonstrating negative health effects associated with vaccination. Please do not pass this legislation out of committee.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [kgravesendc@yahoo.com](mailto:kgravesendc@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 1:18:34 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Gravesen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no evidence showing that the flu vaccine prevents the flu! The flu shot has been proven to cause the Guillain-Barre. This is just big pharma money bill. It will do nothing to improve the health of our state.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [katjabajema@gmail.com](mailto:katjabajema@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 4:52:45 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katja Bajema	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a certified childbirth educator, doula and lactation specialist. I am not associated with any hospitals but I get hired by families to assist them during childbirth. My personal decision to get a vaccine is my RIGHT! There are certain vaccines that I feel comfortable with such as the Hepatitis vaccine, and certain vaccines I do not, like the influenza vaccine. The influenza vaccine has been shown to not necessarily protect against the flu strain of that season. In addition the vaccine contains chemicals that I choose not to put in my body. THIS is MY CHOICE, MY RIGHT, not the governments. I OPPOSE this bill, please do NOT pass it. Mahalo

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [drkimhaine@mac.com](mailto:drkimhaine@mac.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 9:22:47 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/3/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Kim Haine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senator Baker and the members of The Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, I strongly oppose SB 2394 based on the fact that it is a violation of human rights to force any health care worker to choose between their job and putting a pharmaceutical product into their body. All pharmaceutical products carry with them known and unknown health risks. In light of the fact that vaccine risks are not borne equally by all due to known and unknown individual genetic, biological, and environmental susceptibilities, the decision to vaccinate should lie with the individual and their healthcare provider, not be a blanket mandate by the state. The flu shot is the most compensated vaccine for vaccine injuries and deaths in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. According to the CDC: the 2014-2015 flu shot was only approximately 19% effective. The benefit clearly does not outweigh the risks. Thank you, Kim Haine

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Aloha,

I am sending you this message in regards to the recent proposed bill for Hawaii, SB2394, I am a mother and an auntie to many, and I am sincerely asking that you oppose these bills.

I feel that it is the right of a parent or legal guardian to raise children and make appropriate medical decisions for them. I also am aware of the uncertainty of the safety of vaccines, and the truth is that vaccines have not proven to be as effective as they claim to be.

This bill is a threat to the health & safety of our keiki, I urge you oppose it.

Thank you & God Bless you,

Laurenn Schiek

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [myhairs808@gmail.com](mailto:myhairs808@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 10:37:02 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mahealani Maioho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose bill SB2394! We as a people should have the right to what we put in our body.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

I OPPOSE HB 1945 and SB 2394, which would mandate health care workers receive a yearly flu vaccine.

As a registered nurse of 19 years, one of the most important aspects of my job is patient safety and I know this is true for every healthcare professional who enters this field for the right reasons. That being said, protecting our patients begins with taking care of ourselves and many feel the flu vaccine is one such way. I know I believed this for many, many, years. That was until a series of personal events in my daughter's health *forced* me to look outside of conventional medicine after it miserably failed her for 2 1/2 years. Much personal learning was obtained through that time and through it I learned and continue to learn ways to improve my own health. I also learned at this time about the flu vaccine and how unpredictable it is from year to year. Directly from the CDC's own website, a table covering annual flu vaccine effectiveness from 2005-2015 showed a range from 10%-60% effective. Based on this information, their own data proves that on any given year the flu vaccine has a 40-90% failure rate. The reason being, again directly from the CDC, "recent studies show vaccines can reduce the risk of flu illness by about 50-60% among the overall population during seasons *when* most circulating flu viruses are like the viruses the flu vaccine is designed to protect". Even with their own data supporting otherwise, the vaccine is promoted as being highly effective. A prime example of this failure is last years abysmal 18% effectiveness rate. Despite its very low effectiveness rate the CDC continued to push this vaccine to the bitter end of flu season. Of course when you produce close to 200 million vaccines there is a lot of money to be lost if they go unused. the CDC also admits that "determining how well a flu vaccine works is challenging" and that "during years when the flu vaccine is not well matched to circulating viruses, it's possible that *no* benefit from flu vaccination may be observed." Flu vaccines target three to four flu viruses that are predicted to be the most common types for the upcoming flu season. However, there are over 300 kinds of flu viruses, and it takes your body from two weeks to three months to produce a full viral response to the vaccine. Three months after vaccination, the vaccine is essentially useless to your body's immune system, although the damaging, long-term side effects may last a lifetime. Flu vaccines also affect the unborn. Tragically, the rate of miscarriages among pregnant women who received flu vaccines during the 2009-2010 season increased 4,250 percent, a frightening statistic which was carefully hidden from the public by the CDC, until a CDC doctor was confronted and admitted that the CDC was aware of the spike in fetal deaths.

Another important fact is that our law says that you must do a double blind field study to prove *efficacy and long-term safety* yet when it comes to the flu vaccine the law for some reason is not followed! These studies cannot be done because every year a new flu vaccine must be produced based on the educated guesses of the scientist on what flu strains may be most prevalent for the upcoming flu season, hence the unpredictability. The law also states that you must tell people it is an experimental vaccine if there is no safety and efficacy testing. I had never been told, that the flu vaccines I had received in the past were experimental, have you? Where is the informed consent?

I also learned of the serious, if not life threatening side effects. 330 deaths have been reportedly caused by the flu vaccine, and over 103,000 adverse events have been reported, numbers that could realistically be increased significantly due to underreporting. One study of flu vaccine statistics shows that thirty percent of flu vaccines result in unwanted side effects, with up to six percent including serious effects such as hospitalization, permanent disabilities, paralysis, brain damage, increased risk of contracting swine flu, allergic reactions, narcolepsy, Guillain-Barre syndrome, increased risk of Alzheimer's disease, and death. It is we, the healthcare workers who care for these vaccine injured patients. I was even told by a hospital administrator that this is the reason they have one of the lowest flu vaccine compliance rates in the ICU, because they are the ones who care for the vaccine injured, i.e. the Guillain-Barre syndrome patients. It is the reason one of my co-workers refuses the flu shot. If you have to force educated healthcare workers to take a flu shot maybe it is time to pause and ask why?

Healthcare workers must be permitted to refuse the annual seasonal influenza vaccination without fear of reprisal for medical, religious, or personal reasons. NOBODY should be forced to have to choose between a flu shot and their job. Although nurses and other healthcare workers have a duty and a right to protect patients, recent evidence shows mandatory flu vaccinations fail to provide any benefit. On its own website, Physicians, in the American Medical Association Code of Ethics, affirm philosophical and religious exemptions for themselves. Employees should not be discriminated against for choosing not to take a flu vaccine. The exemption clause for all these reasons should be extended to the healthcare worker and the masking policy for those exempted be removed. I have not found one study that proves masking healthy individuals reduces the spread of the flu vaccine. The only purpose it does serve is to make a healthcare worker so uncomfortable that they give in and take the flu shot. It is a manipulative and coercive tactic, nothing more, nothing less. Another concern that has been expressed by nurses I work with is, how would a psychiatric patient, one with possibly paranoia, or schizophrenia, or even pediatric patients, perceive a masked healthcare worker. Can you imagine a toddler having a masked nurse caring for him or her for 8-12 hours? Or have you ever tried to effectively communicate with a mask on, especially with someone who may have hearing impairment and may need to read lips. If a study does exist on the benefits of masking then based on the **unpredictability** of the flu vaccine I propose that **ALL** Healthcare workers, vaccinated and unvaccinated mask for the entire flu season because isn't this what this policy is about preventing the spread of the flu virus?

Sincerely,  
Maly Nakoa

As a Health Care Worker I do not want to be forced to accept a procedure that has never been proven effective.

The Cochrane Collaboration concluded, "There is no evidence that only vaccinating healthcare workers prevents laboratory-proven influenza or its complications (lower respiratory tract infection, hospitalization or death due to lower respiratory tract infection) in individuals aged 60 or over in LTCIs and thus no evidence to mandate compulsory vaccination of healthcare workers".

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is strongly supportive of efforts to increase influenza vaccination rates among healthcare workers in accordance with the Healthy People 2020 goals. However, at this time, OSHA believes there is insufficient scientific evidence for the federal government to promote mandatory influenza vaccination programs that do not have an option for the HCP to decline for medical, religious and/or personal philosophical reasons.

There is absolutely no scientific reason for this craze.

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [DrTuttle@anewlifehawaii.com](mailto:DrTuttle@anewlifehawaii.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 1:30:52 AM  
**Attachments:** [Binder1.pdf](#)

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/3/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Tuttle	Individual	Oppose	Yes










Comments: For more information on the dangerous ineffective flu shot please watch this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCBlxqmOMKM>

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)


# The Truth about the Flu Shot


## 1. What's in the regular flu shot?


 Egg protein and avian contaminant viruses	 Thimerosal (mercury): in multi-dose vials	 Polysorbate 80:allergen; infertility in mice
 Formaldehyde: carcinogen	 Triton X100: detergent	 Sucrose: table sugar
 Resin: known allergen	 Gentamycin: antibiotic	 Gelatin: known allergen


**\*\*Swine Flu Shot Contains Human Abortions (PER.C6 fetal cell technology)**


## 2. Do flu shots work?

 **Not in healthy babies:** A review of 51 studies involving more than 294,000 children it was found there was “no evidence that injecting children 6-24 months of age with a flu shot was any more effective than placebo. In children over 2 yrs, it was only effective 33% of the time in preventing the flu. **Reference:** “Vaccines for preventing influenza in healthy children.” The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. 2 (2008).

 **Not in children with asthma:** A study 800 children with asthma, half were vaccinated and the other half did not receive the influenza vaccine. The two groups were compared with respect to clinic visits, emergency department (ED) visits, and hospitalizations for asthma. *CONCLUSION:* This study failed to provide evidence that the influenza vaccine prevents pediatric asthma exacerbations. **Reference:** “Effectiveness of influenza vaccine for the prevention of asthma exacerbations.” Christly, C. et al. Arch Dis Child. 2004 Aug;89(8):734-5.





 **Not in children with asthma (2):** “The inactivated flu vaccine does not prevent influenza-related hospitalizations in children, especially the ones with asthma...In fact, children who get the flu vaccine are *three times more at risk for hospitalization* than children who do not get the vaccine.” **Reference:** The American Thoracic Society’s 105<sup>th</sup> International Conference, May 15-20, 2009, San Diego.

 **Not in adults:** In a review of 48 reports (more than 66,000 adults), “Vaccination of healthy adults only reduced risk of influenza by 6% and reduced the number of missed work days by less than one day (0.16) days. It did not change the number of people needing to go to hospital or take time off work.” **Reference:** “Vaccines for preventing influenza in healthy adults.” The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. 1 (2006).








 **Not in the Elderly:** In a review of 64 studies over 98 flu seasons of elderly living in nursing homes, flu shots were non-significant for preventing the flu. For elderly living in the community, vaccines were not (significantly) effective against influenza, ILI or pneumonia. **Reference:** “Vaccines for preventing influenza in the elderly.” The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. 3(2006).



### 3. What about the new Swine Flu vaccine?

-  Some of the new H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> (swine flu) vaccines are going to be made by Novartis. These shots will probably be made in PER.C6 cells (human retina cells from aborted fetus) and contain MF59 a debilitating adjuvant. **MF-59** is an oil-based adjuvant primarily composed of squalene.
-  *All* rats injected with squalene (oil) adjuvants developed a disease that left them crippled, dragging their paralyzed hindquarters across their cages. Injected squalene can cause severe arthritis (3 on scale of 4) and severe immune responses, such as autoimmune arthritis and lupus.  
**Reference (1):** Kenney, RT. Edleman, R. "Survey of human-use adjuvants." Expert Review of Vaccines. 2 (2003) p171. **Reference (2):** Matsumoto, Gary. Vaccine A: The Covert Government Experiment That's Killing Our Soldiers and Why GI's Are Only the First Victims of this Vaccine. New York: Basic Books. p54.
-  Federal health officials are starting to recommend that most Americans get three flu shots this fall: one regular flu shot and two doses of the vaccine made against the new swine flu strain. School children who have never had a flu shot are targeted for **four shots in the fall** - twice for seasonal flu, twice for pandemic swine flu. (July 15, 2009 news)
-  HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has been talking to school superintendents around the country, urging them to make plans to use buildings for mass vaccinations and for vaccinating kids first. (CBS News, June 12, 2009.)

### 4. What can you do? *You can't do it all, but you can do something!*

-  Give this information to everyone you know and love, especially church members, social groups, school teachers and administrators, and first responders (EMTs, Paramedics, Firemen, etc). Contact your local police, sheriff, city council members, county commissioners and chamber of commerce. Discuss your concerns about forced vaccinations. Their support is important to maintain your right to refuse.
-  Email or fax this information to local TV and radio stations. Call or fax to your State and National political representatives.
-  Connect with other activist organizations – those who support 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment issues, the environment and animal rights. Help spread the word about their passion and get them involved with yours.
-  Write a small article for LOCAL, community newspapers. Watch for samples on [www.PandemicFluOnline.com](http://www.PandemicFluOnline.com)
-  Check out [www.oathkeepers.org](http://www.oathkeepers.org). Share this with your local law and military folks. A pdf for easy printing is available on [www.DrTenpenny.com](http://www.DrTenpenny.com)
-  Have at least 3 weeks of food and water on hand; be prepared to voluntarily self-quarantine.
-  Stock up on Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> (3000 IU per person), Vitamin A, Vitamin C, fish oil, and zinc.

As stated years ago by Margaret Mead, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

**For more daily updates and information**

[www.VacLib.org](http://www.VacLib.org)   [www.PandemicFluOnline.com](http://www.PandemicFluOnline.com)   [www.DrTenpenny.com](http://www.DrTenpenny.com)

# CoMeD Inc.

14 REDGATE COURT,  
SILVER SPRING, MD 20905-5726

## CoMeD Files Evidence of Miscarriage after Thimerosal-containing Flu Shots

### PRESS RELEASE

*For Immediate Release  
March 18, 2010*

### CONTACTS:

CoMeD President [Rev. Lisa K. Sykes (Richmond, VA) 804-364-8426]  
CoMeD Science Advisor [Dr. Paul G. King (Lake Hiawatha, NJ) 973-997-1321]

Washington, DC - In its pursuit of banning all use of mercury in medicine, unless proven safe by appropriate toxicity studies, today CoMeD, Inc., a non-profit corporation, filed declarations from pregnant women harmed by Thimerosal-containing influenza shots in the US District Court for the District of Columbia (case: 1:2009cv-00015). These declarations report that health care providers seemed to be largely unaware of the continuing presence of mercury in vaccines and that these providers often failed to accurately disclose the known risks to the patient from these Thimerosal-containing vaccines, which are specifically recommended for pregnant women and children.

Thimerosal, used as a preservative in vaccines without the required proofs of safety, is half mercury by weight and a known bioaccumulative human poison, neurotoxin, carcinogen, mutagen, teratogen and immune-system disruptor. In order not to exceed the EPA's safe daily reference dose (RfD) for mercury ingestion from the mercury contained in one 0.5-mL Thimerosal-preserved flu shot, a pregnant woman or child would have to weigh more than 550 pounds. Worse, the Material Safety Data sheets for Thimerosal list: fetal death, miscarriage, mental retardation and gross motor impairment as possible outcomes of in utero exposure to Thimerosal.

CoMeD, Inc. originally sought injunctive relief regarding the use of Thimerosal-preserved flu shots for pregnant women in August 2009. In oral arguments, CoMeD's attorneys detailed the danger posed by Thimerosal and the denial of informed consent accompanying its administration in most cases.

CoMeD's attorneys also argued that federal regulations mandating that "any preservative used shall be sufficiently nontoxic so that the amount ... will not be toxic to the recipient" [21 CFR § 610.15(a)] have been illegally ignored in the case of Thimerosal. To establish that Thimerosal used as a preservative is "sufficiently nontoxic...", toxicity studies must prove its safety. Yet, as the US Food and Drug Administration and the drug manufacturers have repeatedly admitted, they have not conducted the toxicity studies required to prove the Thimerosal in a single vaccine dose is "sufficiently nontoxic ...".

Half a year after CoMeD filed a request for a preliminary injunction, which has not yet been granted, to stop the administration of mercury-preserved flu shots to pregnant women, CoMeD members now seek to establish with this filing, that damage they predicted to unborn children sadly has occurred. Declarations filed today detail fetal deaths, miscarriages, stillbirths and premature births following the administration of Thimerosal-preserved/containing flu shots. In addition to personal declarations, CoMeD has filed copies of records from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, maintained by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, documenting reports of more than one hundred fetal deaths, miscarriages, stillbirths, and premature births attributed to flu shots in the period from September through December of 2009 alone, as well as an additional sixty-plus personal accounts of similar flu-shot-related harm.

With safer alternatives to Thimerosal and the proven ability to make vaccines without any preservative, the use of Thimerosal or any other mercury compound in vaccines without the toxicological proofs of safety required by drug law is both indefensible and illegal, according to CoMeD.

---

To support the ongoing efforts of CoMeD, Inc. with your tax-deductible contributions, please use the PayPal link on CoMeD's Internet website, <http://www.Mercury-freeDrugs.org>.

CoMeD, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that is actively engaged in legal, educational and scientific efforts to stop all use of mercury in medicine, and to ban the use of all mercury-containing medicines.

I am opposed to all vaccine mandates which remove an individual or parents' rights to medical and religious exemptions. Adverse reactions are real, growing in number & severity, and are continually under reported by every estimate of the VAERS reporting system. Removing religious and medical exemptions will harm, disable, and yes even kill the unfortunate few. An adverse vaccine reaction indicates an underlying health problem, and ignoring the reaction, by dismissing an individual's medical doctor's advice to alter, adjust, or halt further vaccinations is medical malpractice. Your responsibility to public health is not being served by one size fits all vaccine mandates, which will do harm to many of your constituents. The CDC website (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/should-not-vacc.htm>) dedicates an entire page headed, "Who should **NOT** Get Vaccinated with these Vaccines?" Each individual vaccine recommended by the CDC is listed, and everyone specifically states if any of the conditions listed apply to you or your child to consult your medical provider. If these mandates are passed into law by you, you will be responsible for any damage these vaccine's do to the very infants, children, young adults, and individuals who suffer these reactions, because they will no longer have religious or medical exemptions easily accessible to them. As well intentioned these mandates are believed to be for public health by you legislators, ignoring and removing personal and individual religious exemptions, and eliminating an individual's personal medical exemptions, will cause many of your constituents' irreversible neurological, medical, and physical harm. The CDC specifically states, "*Individuals react differently to vaccines, and there is no way to absolutely predict the reaction of a specific individual to a particular vaccine*" (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/safety/default.htm>). Vaccines are a medical intervention and require fully informed consent, you are proposing to eliminate fully informed consent, by removing exemptions and creating mandates. These proposed changes to vaccine exemptions and new vaccine mandates are unconstitutional and offend me personally while violating our rights as citizens if passed. Please oppose these changes and vote no to protect our rights as responsible, informed, and conscientious citizens, and help to restore our belief in our representative form of government, and our individual inalienable human rights given to all of us by our creator. A no vote protects the weakest and most vulnerable of us, from the documented and well acknowledged adverse reactions occurring to growing number of individuals with underlying and many times unknown health conditions. Please reconsider the removal of religious & medical exemptions and these new vaccine mandates, and vote no.

## Flu Vaccine Testimony

I OPPOSE HB 1945 and SB 2394, which would mandate health care workers receive a yearly flu vaccine.

Healthcare workers must be permitted to refuse the annual seasonal influenza vaccination without fear of reprisal for medical, religious, or personal reasons. NOBODY should be forced to have to choose between a flu shot and their job. Although nurses and other healthcare workers have a duty and a right to protect patients, recent evidence shows mandatory flu vaccinations fail to provide any benefit.

On its own website, the CDC admits that "determining how well a flu vaccine works is challenging" and that "during years when the flu vaccine is not well matched to circulating viruses, it's possible that no benefit from flu vaccination may be observed." Flu vaccines target three flu viruses that are predicted to be the most common types for the upcoming flu season. However, there are over 300 kinds of flu viruses, and it takes your body from two weeks to three months to produce a full viral response to the vaccine. Three months after vaccination, the vaccine is essentially useless to your body's immune system, although the damaging, long-term side effects may last a lifetime. According to the CDC, the 2014-2015 flu shot was only approximately 19% effective!

Over 330 deaths have been reportedly caused by the flu vaccine, and over 103,000 adverse events have been reported, numbers that could realistically be increased tenfold or a hundred times due to underreporting. One study of flu vaccine statistics shows that thirty percent of flu vaccines result in unwanted side effects, with up to six percent including serious effects such as hospitalization, permanent disabilities, paralysis, brain damage, increased risk of contracting swine flu, allergic reactions, narcolepsy, Guillain-Barre syndrome, increased risk of Alzheimer's disease, and death.

Flu vaccines also affect the unborn. Tragically, the rate of miscarriages among pregnant women who received flu vaccines during the 2009-2010 season increased 4,250 percent, a frightening statistic which was carefully hidden from the public by the CDC, until a CDC doctor was confronted and admitted that the CDC was aware of the spike in fetal deaths. [15]

Most influenza vaccines licensed in the U.S. are distributed in multi-dose vials and contain 25 mcg of the mercury preservative, Thimerosal, in amounts above EPA safety guidelines for one-day exposures to mercury. Thimerosal is a known neurotoxin.

Physicians, in the American Medical Association Code of Ethics, affirm philosophical and religious exemptions for themselves. Employees should not be discriminated against for choosing not to take a flu vaccine.

Sincerely,  
Sidney Voss

Sierra Dew  
45-426 Akimala St.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

2/2/16

Dear Representatives and Senators,

I am writing to you to ask you to oppose 7 bills that combined could turn Hawaii into America's only FORCED vaccination state: HB 1946, SB 2393, HB 1910, SB 2316, HB 1945, SB 2394, and HB 1722.

I consider it a basic human right to be able to make my own educated health choices for myself and my family. To be forced into immunization goes against my freedoms, I should be able to make these informed decisions on my own.

The least restrictive means for ensuring the public health and safety should be employed by the legislature to protect public trust in the wisdom and fairness of government policy and law. There is no public health emergency in Hawaii or compelling state interest that justifies the passage of these bills which would violate human, civil and parental rights.

#### FLU SHOT MANDATES FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

I urge you to also OPPOSE HB 1945 and SB 2394 which would mandate health care workers receive a yearly flu vaccine. "Health care worker" means all persons, whether paid or unpaid, working or delivering services in a health care facility, including contractors and their employees whose occupational activities involve direct or indirect contact with patients or contaminated material in a health care, hospital, or clinical laboratory setting. SB 2394 is scheduled for a hearing Feb. 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health in conference room 229.

- The flu shot is the most compensated vaccine for vaccine injuries and deaths in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.
- According to the CDC, the 2014-15 flu shot was only approximately 19% effective.
- Multi-dose influenza vaccines contain thimerosal, a mercury derivative and known neurotoxin.
- Flu shots are invasive medical procedures and can induce a range of symptoms including Guillain-Barre Syndrome and anaphylactic reactions.
- Many labor unions opposed mandatory flu vaccination for health care workers.

- The Cochrane Collaboration concluded, “There is no evidence that only vaccinating healthcare workers prevents laboratory-proven influenza or its complications (lower respiratory tract infection, hospitalisation or death due to lower respiratory tract infection) in individuals aged 60 or over in LTCIs and thus no evidence to mandate compulsory vaccination of healthcare workers”.
- Physicians, in the American Medical Association Code of Ethics, affirm philosophical and religious exemptions for themselves. Employees should not be discriminated against for choosing not to take a flu vaccine.
- Nobody should be forced to have to choose between a flu shot and their job.

Sincerely,

Sierra Dew

**From:** [Mardi](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I object to the forced immunization bills. HB1722, SB2316, SB2393, SB2394, HB1945  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 11:09:35 AM

---

My name is Martha Werner. I live at 205 Kulipuu St.

I completely and totally object to forced immunization of any kind. We have the right to choose. And if these bills pass you will see me for I will be protesting.

Martha Werner.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [ninaalena@hotmail.com](mailto:ninaalena@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 11:06:24 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nina Alena Beatty	Individual	Oppose	No

**Comments:**

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [sleinaninavasloa@gmail.com](mailto:sleinaninavasloa@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 6:04:15 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
S. Leinani Loa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [goducksqo1313@yahoo.com](mailto:goducksqo1313@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM\*  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 7:15:04 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

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

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
To: [CPH Testimony](#)  
Cc: [marcyfrommaui@gmail.com](mailto:marcyfrommaui@gmail.com)  
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
Date: Monday, February 01, 2016 4:48:16 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcy Koltun-Crilly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 2394 which would mandate health care workers receive a yearly flu vaccine. As you know, vaccine manufacturers are not liable for vaccine injuries and vaccines are a medical procedure given to HEALTHY people so this risk needs to be extremely low compared to the benefit. The flu shot is the most compensated vaccine for vaccine injuries and deaths in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. According to the CDC, the 2014-15 flu shot was only approximately 19% effective. Flu shots are invasive medical procedures and can induce a range of symptoms including Guillain-Barre Syndrome and anaphylactic reactions. Many labor unions opposed mandatory flu vaccination for health care workers. The Cochrane Collaboration concluded, "There is no evidence that only vaccinating healthcare workers prevents laboratory-proven influenza or its complications (lower respiratory tract infection, hospitalisation or death due to lower respiratory tract infection) in individuals aged 60 or over in LTCIs and thus no evidence to mandate compulsory vaccination of healthcare workers". Nobody should be forced to have to choose between a flu shot and their job. While this bill allows for a religious exemption it does not allow for a philosophical exemption and other current bills are already trying to eliminate the religious exemption. There should be a philosophical exemption in Hawaii for all vaccinations, otherwise we are just forcing a medical procedure with undisputed risks on healthy people and children. The very reason for the bill is stated; "Because health care professionals are looked to for guidance on good health practices, increasing the number of health care personnel in hospitals that receive the influenza vaccine sets a positive example that will encourage the community to proactively protect themselves from the flu. The purpose of this Act is to require annual influenza vaccinations for health care workers in hospitals who have contact with patients." I find this statement very telling. If some health care workers choose not to be vaccinated because in their educated opinion they have decided the overall benefit is not worth the risk, then they will be forced anyway because it looks bad??? Furthermore, there is no science to show it will decrease the spread of flu to their patients. Being made to wear a mask is not only an act of trying to "shame them" it violates their medical privacy and there is NO medical evidence that wearing masks works. In fact, since the vaccine has such a low efficacy rate, it is just as likely that vaccinated workers can also come down with the flu, but would not be wearing a mask. Pregnant healthcare workers would be

forced to choose between their jobs or what they may decide to be too big a risk to their baby's health, as has already happened in hospitals in other states. Lastly, this bill is not really meant to protect anybody. It is being lobbied for nationally because hospitals are required meet the guidelines set forth to reach 90% vaccination of all health care workers to get their medicare and medicaid reimbursement. Hospitals already provide the vaccine for free and on site but are not convincing 90% of health care workers take them. Health care workers are not stupid, and this is not informed consent for a medical procedure, it is coercion. If they want more health care workers to get flu shots they will need to make better vaccines and show real scientific proof that the benefit outweighs any risk, especially when being used on an already healthy person where the risk needs to be tiny, the benefits very big and real liability for injury is available. Please oppose this bill. Thank you. Marcy Koltun-Crilley R.N. Kihei, Hi 96753 808-874-5644

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [berrettbunch@hotmail.com](mailto:berrettbunch@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 1:17:27 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marti Berrett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Known neurotoxins are included in the list of vaccine ingredients. Severe injuries and even death have been documented side effects of vaccinations. The US Government has paid out \$3 billion to vaccine-injured through the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Because there is a very real risk of injury I do not support mandatory vaccinations.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
To: [CPH Testimony](#)  
Cc: [Kauaiangirl@yahoo.com](mailto:Kauaiangirl@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
Date: Monday, February 01, 2016 4:10:33 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary-Elizabeth Natividad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I FIRMLY OPPOSE THIS BILL! I myself would be DIRECTLY EFFECTED BY THIS BILL. I am a state of Hawaii, Dept of Health Employee and this would mandate that I as well as all of my co-workers would be forced to get the flu shot. I myself AM ALLERGIC TO THE SHOT. I understand that there are possible exemptions, however I am concerned that I would still be pressured to take this shot, despite, MEDICAL NEED TO AVOID IT. ALSO NO PERSON EXPOSED TO SMALL INFANTS SHOULD BE TAKING THIS SHOT as it exposes them to the skin cells that are being shed and exposes them to the illness. In addition the last time that the flu shots were offered at our Health Center by Public Health Nursing many of the employees that got the shot soon fell sick with flu like symptoms leaving an increased burden on myself and the other workers. Then add in that these same workers that got the flu shot then got the flu!!! IN ADDITION WE MAY VERY LIKELY LOOSE A LARGE NUMBER OF STATE WORKERS IF MANDATED TO TAKE A SHOT THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL IS IN THEIR BEST HEALTH INTEREST, then creating a void in filling positions that are already difficult to fill in high-risk populations (which is the exact area that I work with). Lastly this bill would infringe on the State Workers Personal rights to make the decision of what they place in their bodies.... Do you know that flu shots are Cultured in RAW EGG, or that many include ingredients such as ABORTED FETAL CELLS... would you want to put these ingredients into your body. I CAN'T and even if I COULD... I would NEVER CHOOSE TO PUT THIS IN MY BODY. For all the years that everyone around me gets the flu shot I have come to realize that it truly does not PREVENT the Flu, or even provide a buffer. The flu shot is a GUESSING GAME of what strain might be likely to hit this year. That means the likelihood of it working is not very good. RATHER THAN SPEND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ON A SHOT THAT MOST LIKELY WILL NOT WORK INSTEAD why not use those funds to provide basic needs to help prevent the spread such as anti-bacterial wipes, masks for those that present with cough, Lysol, etc. and the education to help fight the spread of the virus. ONCE AGAIN PLEASE VOTE NO!!!!!! OPPOSE THIS BILL!

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or

distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [mkassel137@yahoo.com](mailto:mkassel137@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 6:18:56 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

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

Comments: Hello my name is Misha Kassel, I am a practicing emergency medicine physician here on oahu. An important part of what I do is discuss risk/benefit of procedures and medications that I offer them. Then it is their health and up to them what they would like to do. So many of my patients thank me for doing this. I would be greatly offended if you took that same right from myself. Before I do something for myself I look at risks of doing it and risks of not doing it. I have many years of health care training and experience and I should have the right to do what I feel is best for my body whether that is to vaccinate or not to vaccinate.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [nschomer@msn.com](mailto:nschomer@msn.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 6:11:10 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/3/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nadia Ranne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Healthcare workers should not be mandated to receive a yearly flu vaccine. They must have the right to choose. Limiting a person's ability to make informed decisions about what gets put into his or her body violates medical ethics. Individuals are also very different in how they respond to immune system stimulation and traces of toxins as found in vaccines. A vaccine or a vaccine schedule that might be safe for one person might not be for another. Please oppose this bill. I call upon you to oppose ANY legislation that would make any vaccination mandatory.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [jadesky7@hotmail.com](mailto:jadesky7@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 11:44:05 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
natasha sky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We have enough problems trying to staff medical personnel here in Hawaii, why chase away even more potential healthcare workers with such a mandate?

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [nathaliaimahunter@gmail.com](mailto:nathaliaimahunter@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 6:23:16 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathalia Hunter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: First of all Influenza vaccines still contain Thimerosal. Secondly studies have shown that washing hands and wearing a mask is better at preventing transmission of the flu than the vaccines itself. The influenza vaccine is notorious for it's lack of efficacy. To mandate this would be far from wise.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [nikkiyokoyama@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiyokoyama@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 12:56:26 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE SB2394 Even the CDC admits the flu vaccine is a dismal failure, in recent years it has proven to be only 9-23% effective! Thousands of previously healthy children and adults have suffered horrifying side-effects from the neuro-toxic garbage this vaccine contains. Many have not recovered and are now disabled. Others have DIED. Three of my own immediate relatives became violently ill from it, one of which eventually died. Forced vaccination is not a solution to stop the spread of diseases. Those that use a live flu virus, actually shed the disease and are a greater risk than those who are not vaccinated.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [alohabirth@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:alohabirth@hawaiiantel.net)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:52:47 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nina millar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose SB2394 requiring annual influenza vaccine for all Heathcare workers. What I put in my body is a personal choice. Thank you, Nina Millar, RN

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
To: [CPH Testimony](#)  
Cc: [riverholter@hotmail.com](mailto:riverholter@hotmail.com)  
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
Date: Monday, February 01, 2016 5:17:22 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
River Siver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: \*The flu vaccine is not effective. Effectiveness rates are about 11-23%.

\*The choices for flu vaccination are an injection that has the toxic preservative thimerosal or a live virus nasal spray. - Thimerosal breaks down into ethylmercury in the body and is found in brains in animal research. - If you've opted for the live virus nasal spray you are supposed to not have a compromised immune system or be around others with compromised immune systems (perhaps not the best idea for our healthcare workers?!?). Pregnant women are also not allowed to get the nasal spray and are therefore subjected to being injected with the thimerosal-laden injection, which has NOT been tested for safety in pregnant women and could very well adversely affect the fetus. \* Many report that the flu vaccine actually causes illness post-injection. In fact, there are more than 104,465 adverse reactions, hospitalizations (9,037), injuries, disabilities (2,003) and deaths (1,115) reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS). \*If there is an adverse event, the individual is responsible for proving the injury, has to pay \$400 to file a complaint and has to hire a lawyer to defend them. The maker of the vaccine is not held liable and cannot be sued for any injury. That might occur. \* Vaccination is linked to a number of adverse health outcomes including: acute encephalopathy, anaphylaxis, Guillain Barre Syndrome, acute and chronic arthritis, smallpox, polio, measles and varicella zoster vaccine strain infections (i.e. getting the illness that you were vaccinated against; can also be a carrier of these infections and spread to others), chronic nervous system dysfunction, febrile seizures, brachial neuritis, thrombocytopenia, shock, syncope, and even death. There is also some evidence that vaccinations could be linked to the following: asthma, allergies, autism, communication disorders, intellectual disability, disruptive behavior disorder, seizures, epilepsy, autoimmune disorders (e.g. POTS, MS, DM1, and many more), learning disorders, tics and Tourette's, ADHD, and more. \*The bottom line is that there is NOT enough evidence to definitively state that vaccination is safe for everyone, and therefore individuals and parents should always be able to choose, with the advice of their own healthcare providers. \*Most importantly, in medicine we are given INFORMED CONSENT and therefore also have the option of informed dissent. We do not have to say yes to any medical procedure or treatment. Vaccines are no different. We have a right to our bodies and what goes in them. The state has no right to mandate vaccination.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [myhairs808@gmail.com](mailto:myhairs808@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 10:37:02 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mahealani Maioho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose bill SB2394! We as a people should have the right to what we put in our body.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [shannonkona@gmail.com](mailto:shannonkona@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:12:21 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [normandsusie@hawaii.com](mailto:normandsusie@hawaii.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 10:23:30 AM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Heitmann	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am an RN at Wilcox Hospital here on Kauai. I will lose my job if this bill is passed. I do not believe in mandatory vaccines for these reasons: 1) for my state or country to be able to FORCE me to receive and injection into my bloodstream is as un-American as it can be, and 2) the ingredients in these vaccines have become as dangerous and crazy as DNA from aborted fetuses to heavy metals to pig DNA. You will lose a lot of good health care workers if you pass this bill which violates my Constitutional rights. Please vote no!

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [ssimscnm@gmail.com](mailto:ssimscnm@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:20:34 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/2/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Sims	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge you to also OPPOSE HB 1945 and SB 2394 which would mandate health care workers receive a yearly flu vaccine. "Health care worker" means all persons, whether paid or unpaid, working or delivering services in a health care facility, including contractors and their employees whose occupational activities involve direct or indirect contact with patients or contaminated material in a health care, hospital, or clinical laboratory setting. SB 2394 is scheduled for a hearing Feb. 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health in conference room 229. The flu shot is the most compensated vaccine for vaccine injuries and deaths in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. According to the CDC, the 2014-15 flu shot was only approximately 19% effective. Multi-dose influenza vaccines contain thimerosal, a mercury derivative and known neurotoxin. Flu shots are invasive medical procedures and can induce a range of symptoms including Guillain-Barre Syndrome and anaphylactic reactions. Many labor unions opposed mandatory flu vaccination for health care workers. The Cochrane Collaboration concluded, "There is no evidence that only vaccinating healthcare workers prevents laboratory-proven influenza or its complications (lower respiratory tract infection, hospitalisation or death due to lower respiratory tract infection) in individuals aged 60 or over in LTCIs and thus no evidence to mandate compulsory vaccination of healthcare workers". Physicians, in the American Medical Association Code of Ethics, affirm philosophical and religious exemptions for themselves. Employees should not be discriminated against for choosing not to take a flu vaccine. Nobody should be forced to have to choose between a flu shot and their job. Sincerely, Susan Sims CNM APRN Kalihi Palama Health Center

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [tiffk14@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffk14@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB2394 on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 01, 2016 11:38:10 PM

---

**SB2394**

Submitted on: 2/1/2016

Testimony for CPH on Feb 4, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tiffany kessner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose mandatory vaccination of flu shots for healthcare workers.  
Thank you, Tiffany Kessner, lahaina, HI

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)