

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3305

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2553
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons three years of age or older;
- (2) Authorize pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a pharmacist to administer vaccinations to persons between the ages of three and seventeen, if certain requirements are met; and
- (3) Authorize pharmacists to order vaccines for administration to persons between the ages of three and seventeen.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board; Board of Pharmacy; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Department of Health; Times Pharmacy; American Pharmacists Association; Retail Merchants



of Hawaii; CVS Health; Walgreen Co.; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; Hawaii Pharmacists Association; and nine individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, certain temporary amendments were made to the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to authorize pharmacists and certain pharmacy personnel to act beyond the limited scope of existing state law and order and administer a number of vaccines to children between the ages of three to seventeen, including routinely recommended childhood vaccinations. Your Committees find that this temporary authority greatly helped minimize interruptions to patient access to necessary, routine, and recommended vaccination services. Your Committees find that as the temporary authority provided under the PREP Act is slated to end on December 31, 2024, the State should codify the temporary federal amendments in state law and permanently authorize pharmacists and certain pharmacy personnel to order and administer vaccines to children between the ages of three and seventeen. Therefore, this measure will expand the role of licensed pharmacists and certain pharmacy personnel to administer vaccines to their communities and make it easier for families to protect their children against influenza and other highly contagious diseases.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that requires pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians that administer vaccines to a person between three and seventeen years of age to have a Certified Pharmacy Technician certification from either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or National Healthcareer Association; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2553,

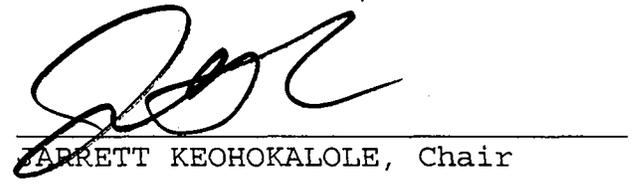


H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health and Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



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Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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