STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3742



Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS,"

begs 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 Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Disability and Communication Access Board; Board of Pharmacy; CVS Health; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Times Pharmacy; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; American Pharmacists Association; Hawaii Pharmacists



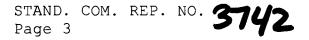
Association; National Community Pharmacists Association; Walgreen Co.; and sixteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, certain temporary amendments were made to the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act to authorize pharmacists and certain pharmacy personnel to act beyond the limited scope of existing state law to order and administer a number of vaccines to children between the ages of three to seventeen, including routinely recommended childhood vaccinations. This temporary authority greatly helped minimize interruptions to patient access to necessary, routine, and recommended vaccination services. Your Committee finds that it is in the public interest for the State to codify in state law the temporary federal amendments before they end on December 31, 2024, and therefore, this measure permanently expands the role of licensed pharmacists and certain pharmacy personnel to administer vaccines to their communities and makes it easier for families to protect their children against influenza and other highly contagious diseases.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Clarifying that pharmacists are authorized to administer vaccines to persons three years of age or older, not only persons between the ages of three and seventeen;
- (2) Clarifying that pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a pharmacist are authorized to administer vaccinations to persons three years of age or older, not only persons between the ages of three and seventeen;
- (3) Clarifying that pharmacists are authorized to order vaccines for administration to persons three years of age or older, not only persons between the ages of three and seventeen;
- (4) Requiring only pharmacy technicians, not pharmacy interns, to have a Certified Pharmacy Technician certification from either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or National Healthcareer Association to be authorized to administer a vaccine to a person three years of age or older;





- (5) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

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KARL RHOADS, Chair



## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

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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 Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)					
GABBARD, Mike (VC)					
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		V			
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