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**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 1898 H.D. 2
RELATING TO HEALTH**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 20, 2026, 9:30 AM, Rm 229/video

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** The measure would preserve no-cost access to certain recommended
- 2 clinical preventive services, including immunizations. Should this measure not be enacted, the
- 3 loss of no-cost coverage of preventive services would likely increase out-of-pocket health care
- 4 expenses for Hawaii residents, causing individuals to delay or forego preventive care. Such
- 5 delays would increase the risk of infectious disease outbreaks and contribute to the growing
- 6 burden of chronic disease across the State. For federal marketplace plans, there may be a
- 7 defrayal cost for any mandated and otherwise not covered benefits.

- 8 **Department Position:** The Department strongly **SUPPORTS** this measure.

- 9 **Department Testimony:** The Disease Outbreak Control Division provides the following
- 10 testimony on behalf of the Department.

1 Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health plans are required to cover
2 immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and
3 other clinical preventive services recommended by the US Preventive Services Task Force
4 (USPSTF) without patient cost-sharing. Although the science has not changed, in the past year
5 ACIP recommendations have, and the USPSTF has not met since March of 2025. This measure
6 will:

- 7 • Help ensure that Hawaii's residents continue to have coverage without cost-sharing of
8 evidence-based immunizations and certain other clinical preventive services for those
9 who choose to receive them.
- 10 • Reduce confusion for patients and providers by creating a process for clear state-based
11 decision-making and guidance driven by local healthcare providers to make
12 recommendations for immunizations and certain clinical preventive services.
- 13 • Expand access, particularly benefitting rural areas, by allowing pharmacists to provide
14 recommended immunizations.
- 15 • Protect healthcare providers who provide evidence-based clinical preventive services.

16 Long-standing, evidence based, and scientifically validated clinical practice guidelines for
17 preventive medicine are increasingly at risk due to changing Federal policies and priorities
18 which depart from recommendations supported by the overwhelming body of medical
19 evidence, and that may restrict access to evidence-based immunizations and other preventive
20 services.

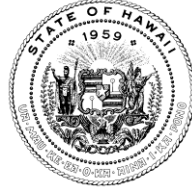
1 This measure would provide a process for DOH to issue a unified set of evidence-based
2 recommendations and ensure coverage without cost-sharing for immunizations and other
3 preventive services, such as screening for anxiety and depression, application of fluoride
4 varnish to teeth to prevent caries, and counseling to prevent sexually transmitted infections
5 and tobacco use. Such guidelines are critical to both providers and patients.

6 Benefits of this measure include removing other potential barriers by ensuring pharmacists
7 ability to administer immunizations, given the current requirements of Hawaii law and recent
8 ACIP and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) changes, and protecting healthcare
9 providers' provision of recommended preventive services.

10 In summary, this measure seeks to preserve and remove barriers to access science-based
11 preventive services for those that choose to receive them through coverage without cost-
12 sharing, preserving pharmacists' ability to provide the recommended services, and protecting
13 providers who deliver the evidence-based preventive services.

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15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committees on Health and Human Services
and
Commerce & Consumer Protection
Friday, March 20, 2026
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 229 and via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 1898, H.D. 2, RELATING TO HEALTH**

Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Scott K. Saiki, and I am the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to (1) specify that no person is subject to liability for providing clinical preventive services in accordance with Department of Health recommendations; (2) require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and plans established by the Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust to provide coverage for clinical preventive services; (3) authorize the Department of Health to make recommendations relating to clinical preventive services and issue standing orders for medications and immunizations; (4) clarify that, for coverage for child health supervision services, the prevailing medical standards include recommendations by the Department of Health; (5) specify that coverage for

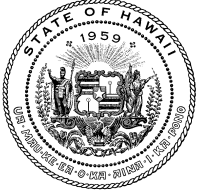
clinical preventive services shall not be denied on the basis of medical necessity or subject to prior authorization; (6) specify that a registered pharmacist may order a vaccine in accordance with the recommendations from the Department of Health; and (7) exempt this measure from an Auditor impact assessment report.

The Department notes that it is unclear whether the amendments in sections 3, 4, and 10 of this bill would trigger the defrayal requirements under 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 155.170. Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), if a state mandates benefits that are “in addition to” the essential health benefits (EHB) defined in the state’s benchmark plan, the State is required to defray the cost of those additional benefits. This means the State would be responsible for paying the additional premium costs for those benefits for all individuals enrolled in qualified health plans sold on the exchange.

The Department notes the increased risk in the United States Department of Health and Human Services’ Proposed Rule for 2027, which expands the criteria for state-mandated benefits requiring state defrayal to include any requirement enacted after 2011 that is not otherwise federally mandated. This proposal could apply retroactively, forcing the State to pay for benefits already embedded in the existing benchmark plan. While the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has advocated for the rule to apply only prospectively, the final rule remains uncertain following the March 13, 2026, comment deadline. The Department is closely monitoring these federal rules to protect the State from unintended financial liabilities.

Finally, the Department notes that the current draft of the bill incorporates safeguards to mitigate the risk of state defrayal liability under 45 C.F.R. § 155.170. Specifically, subsection (d) in Sections 3 and 4 exempts any health insurance policy from the mandate if federal law would require the State to pay for those benefits as an “addition to” the EHB benchmark. Furthermore, Section 17 contains a self-executing repeal mechanism, stipulating that any provision later determined to trigger defrayal shall be repealed. Together, these provisions shift the fiscal risk away from the State by ensuring the mandate remains operative so long as it does not trigger ACA defrayal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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March 18, 2026

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
Honorable Members

FROM: John C. (Jack) Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA, and Sr. Advisor to
Governor Josh Green, MD on Healthcare Innovation

RE: **HB 1898-HD2 -- RELATING TO HEALTH**

HEARING: Friday, March 20, 2026 @ 09:30 am; Conference Room 229

POSITION: SUPPORT with COMMENTS

Testimony:

SHPDA strongly supports HB1898-HD2, with comments.

This bill expands Hawai'i's approach to preventive care by strengthening access to science-based clinical preventive services and clarifying the Department of Health's role in recommending those services for purposes of coverage and implementation. In addition to addressing child health supervision services, the bill now more broadly requires coverage of clinical preventive services, authorizes the DOH to issue recommendations and standing orders for medications and immunizations, and helps reduce barriers to access by prohibiting denials based on medical necessity and prior authorization.

SHPDA recognizes the importance of relying on sound, evidence-based recommendations for preventive services and immunization practices. SHPDA notes that the American Academy of Pediatrics provides well-established guidance for pediatric care, while broader preventive service and adult immunization policy also require scientifically grounded recommendations across the lifespan. SHPDA supports

HB 1898-HD2: testimony of SHPDA (2026), continued.

the bill's goal of promoting access to the best available science for the health of Hawai'i's residents and defers to the Department of Health on the development and implementation of appropriate recommendations and standing orders under this measure.

Thank you for hearing HB1898-HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

■ -- Jack Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA



March 20, 2026

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: HB 1898 HD2 - RELATING TO HEALTH.

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committees:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HB 1898 HD2, which specifies that no person is subject to liability for providing clinical preventive services in accordance with Department of Health recommendations. Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and plans established by the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust to provide coverage for clinical preventive services. Authorizes the Department of Health to make recommendations relating to clinical preventive services and issue standing orders for medications and immunizations. Clarifies that, for coverage for child health supervision services, the prevailing medical standards include recommendations by the Department of Health. Specifies that coverage for clinical preventive services shall not be denied on the basis of medical necessity or subject to prior authorization. Specifies that a registered pharmacist may order a vaccine in accordance with the recommendations from the Department of Health. Exempts this measure from an Auditor impact assessment report.

HMSA recognizes the challenges and uncertainty created by the constantly shifting landscape of federal health care policy. As a health organization, our commitment to our members and to the state has led us to expand our immunization policies to include recommendations beyond ACIP — including, but not limited to, guidance from the Hawai'i Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) periodicity schedule. We believe that vaccinations improve health outcomes and want to ensure that individuals who choose to be vaccinated continue to have reliable access to coverage.

We appreciate the previous committee's amendments to clearly define prevailing medical standards and establish a process to follow when standards differ. These clarifications help support consistent implementation and continued access to preventive services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 1898 HD2.

Sincerely,

Walden Au
Director of Government Relations



March 20, 2026 at 9:30 am
Conference Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

To: Chair Jarrett Keohokalole
Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

To: Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura
Vice Chair Angus L.K. McKelvey

From: Paige Heckathorn Choy
Vice President, Government Affairs
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support
HB 1898 HD 2, Relating to Health

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 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 30,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to **support** this measure, which reinforces Hawaii's long-standing commitment to public health by ensuring that families, providers, and insurers are aligned around comprehensive, evidence-based standards for childhood immunization and preventive care. This measure helps to affirm that the recommendations of *both* the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices constitute the prevailing medical standard. This affirmation will help to ensure that the state's public health policy is built on the collective expertise of nationally recognized medical authorities and provide clarity and consistency for Hawaii families who must make choices regarding their care.

We appreciate that this measure will help to empower providers and parents to access important information and will forward our shared goal of protecting public health through prevention, early intervention, and equitable access to care. Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure.



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Date: March 20, 2026

From: Hawaii Medical Association (HMA)

Elizabeth Ann Ignacio MD - Chair, HMA Public Policy Committee

Christina Marzo MD and Robert Carlisle MD, Vice Chairs, HMA Public Policy Committee

RE HB 1898 HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH. DOH; Insurance; Preventive Services Coverage; Recommendations; Standing Orders; Child Health Supervision Services; Immunization; Prevailing Medical Standards; Pharmacists; EUTF

Position: Support with comments

This measure would specify that no person is subject to liability for providing clinical preventive services in accordance with Department of Health recommendations, require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and plans established by the Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust to provide coverage for clinical preventive services, authorize the Department of Health to make recommendations relating to clinical preventive services and issue standing orders for medications and immunizations, clarify that, for coverage for child health supervision services, the prevailing medical standards include recommendations by the Department of Health, specify that coverage for clinical preventive services shall not be denied on the basis of medical necessity or subject to prior authorization, specify that a registered pharmacist may order a vaccine in accordance with the recommendations from the Department of Health, exempt this measure from an Auditor impact assessment report. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HMA appreciates the intent of our lawmakers to strengthen vaccine guidelines and align with best practices endorsed by public health authorities. HMA supports amendments from the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. HMA also supports the Department of Health's proposal to establish the Hawaii preventive services advisory committee (as stated in SB 3133 SD2), that may serve in a collective consultative role on matters relating to clinical preventive services. We further support language requiring reliance on the best available scientific evidence and consideration of recognized national medical organizations to ensure that Hawaii's preventive care standards remain rigorous, transparent, and locally accountable.

Aligning health insurance coverage with nationally recognized preventive care and pediatric standards will promote early detection, continuity of care, and equitable access to essential services for long-term child and community health.

Thank you for allowing the Hawaii Medical Association to submit testimony in support with comments on this measure.

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REFERENCES AND QUICK LINKS

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**Testimony to the Senate Joint Committee on Health and Human Services and
Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, March 20, 2026; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
Via Videoconference**

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1898, HOUSE DRAFT 2, RELATING TO HEALTH.

Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Joint Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA offers **COMMENTS** on House Bill No. 1864, House Draft 2, RELATING TO HEALTH.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines to over 150,000 patients each year who live in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

This measure, as received by your Committee, would:

- (1) Provide immunity from malpractice liability under State law for any professional organization or association, health care provider, or health care organization for providing clinical preventative services;
- (2) Require insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for clinical preventative services recommended by the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH);
- (3) Prohibit insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations from levying any deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirements for clinical preventative services recommended by the DOH; and

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- (4) Exempt this measure from the requirements of Sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

This bill would take effect on July 1, 3000.

The HPCA has grave concerns that the enactment of this bill, as presently drafted, might result in serious, unintended consequences to Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act, Chapter 393, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

At the outset, while this bill would apply to accident and sickness policies and coverages applicable to private insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations, it is unclear how this requirement would apply to public insurers, namely Medicaid and Medicare. Since any benefit provided under either program requires consent by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, it is questionable whether any such requirement under State law could be enforced for either program. But even if such a requirement could be applied to health care providers treating Medicare or Medicaid patients in the State of Hawaii, would such a requirement demand that the Hawaii State Department of Human Services cover the cost of these services using General Funds alone?

With that said, Hawaii is the only state that requires employers to provide health insurance to employees. Hawaii is able to enforce this requirement because the Congress passed legislation exempting Hawaii's 1974 law from certain provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). In part because the Prepaid Health Care Act took effect before ERISA was enacted, Hawaii is the only state with such an exemption. This exemption, however, has frozen the Prepaid Health Care Act in its original form.

The ERISA exemption is limited to Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act as it was passed in 1974. As such, the State cannot amend the Act unless specific legislation is passed by the Congress. [See, Testimony by the United States General Accounting Office to the United States Senate Committee on Finance dated September 9, 1992, entitled, State Health Care Reform: Federal Requirements Influence State Reforms, p. 6; <https://www.gao.gov/assets/t-hrd-92-55.pdf>]

The State cannot modify the mandated benefit package for employer-provided insurance, require coverage for dependents, or change the cost-sharing formula for premiums. [See, Ibid, p.6]

The Prepaid Health Care Act requires health plans to offer minimum benefits that include hospital, surgical, medical, diagnosis, and maternity coverage but does not specifically mandate the provision of continuous glucose monitors. [See, Section 393-7, HRS.]

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Although this bill seeks to establish mandatory employer-sponsored health insurance coverages with changes to the Insurance Code, one could argue that the practical effect of this approach would be to expand the minimum coverages specified under the Prepaid Health Care Act.

Seeking advice from the Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations would seem prudent. However, ultimately it would be left to the courts to determine the final outcome.

If this Committee wishes to proceed with this measure, the HPCA strongly recommends that it seek a legal opinion from the Employee Benefits Security Administration of the United States Department of Labor, the federal agency that administers ERISA. Specifically, we ask that you request advice on the following questions:

- (1) Would the exemption from federal ERISA preemption afforded to Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act remain valid if this bill was enacted?; and
- (2) Would the enactment of this bill be preempted under ERISA?

As an organization, the HPCA believes that the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act is the main pillar for the entire health care system in Hawaii. Any proposal that might possibly jeopardize its continuation must be taken very seriously. Should employer-mandated health insurance coverage end, the number of uninsured in this State will explode. This would put an enormous strain on Medicaid and FQHCs, threaten the general welfare of citizens, and ultimately denigrate health care outcomes of patients.

Accordingly, we respectfully ask that you proceed cautiously.

Lastly, with regard to the dispute between the federal and state governments on immunization recommendations, the HPCA strongly supports the use of prevailing medical standards when it comes to childhood immunizations. We agree with the bill's findings that the public good is achieved when citizens have access to science-based, clinical preventative services. Yet, because we represent federally qualified health centers, the services that our members provide must be in accordance with **BOTH** the federal and state governments. It is our hope that a solution can be reached that will allow for a unified approach on the provision of essential services for our people. No one wants a situation where different levels of service are provided based on whether those services are covered by public or private insurance. And, unfortunately, that appears to be the direction we are headed for with this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiipca.net.

Hawaii Chapter

OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

Aloha Chairs Keohokalole and San Buenaventura, Vice-Chairs Fukunaga and McKelvey, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1898 HD2 and to propose an amendment to the bill.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter (HAAP), strongly supports efforts to ensure that the people of Hawai'i remain able to receive evidence-based recommendations for preventive care, including but not limited to life-saving vaccines, and that preventive care provided in Hawai'i remains accessible and appropriately covered by insurance without cost-sharing. This bill provides a mechanism for ensuring that the people of Hawai'i continue to have access to appropriate, evidence-based preventive health services regardless of changes that may be made to the Affordable Care Act or recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and we strongly support these provisions. It also provides important liability protections for healthcare workers who provide preventive care, which is essential if we are going to maintain access across our islands.

We respectfully request that you consider amending the bill to include language similar to that in SB3133 SD2, paragraph 321, which would create a State Preventive Services Advisory Committee made up of expert members of professional societies and at least one member of the general public. This committee would provide expert advice and guidance to the Director of Health on matters relating to preventive services, including vaccines.

For all these reasons, and especially in a time when public health is under threat, it is essential that we protect our communities by passing this bill.

Mahalo,

Maya Maxym, MD, PhD, FAAP on behalf of the Advocacy Committee, American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter

March 19, 2026 7:50 a.m.

To: Hawaii Senate Health and Human Services and Commerce and Consumer Protection Committees

From: Cheryl Toyofuku, mother, grandmother, retired registered nurse, health advocate

Re: Opposition to HB1898 SD2 relating to Health, Scheduled hearing on Fri, March 20, 2026 at 9:30am

Aloha Senate Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee,
Senate Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Senate Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee,

I strongly oppose HB1898 HD2. There should be a major alert on this bill with the drastic changes in the bill's description from HD1 to HD2 being noted. It indicates the capture of this bill to provide more overreaching power and authority to Hawaii's Department of Health. Please note the difference:

Description of HB1898 HD1: Clarifies that the Department of Health is to presume both the recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services constitute the prevailing medical standard for child health supervision services for purposes of health insurance coverage.

Description of HB1898 HD2: Specifies that no person is subject to liability for providing clinical preventive services in accordance with Department of Health recommendations. Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and plans established by the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust to provide coverage for clinical preventive services. Authorizes the Department of Health to make recommendations relating to clinical preventive services and issue standing orders for medications and immunizations. Clarifies that, for coverage for child health supervision services, the prevailing medical standards include recommendations by the Department of Health. Specifies that coverage for clinical preventive services shall not be denied on the basis of medical necessity or subject to prior authorization. Specifies that a registered pharmacist may order a vaccine in accordance with the recommendations from the Department of Health. Exempts this measure from an Auditor impact assessment report.

Here are my concerns and reasons for opposition to HB1898 HD2:

- The bill specifies that no person in the Dept of Health (DOH) will be held liable for recommendations provided for clinical preventive services. Providing immunity for DOH decreases the accountability for the liabilities and responsibilities that DOH provides for health preventive recommendations, such as for vaccinations.
- What happened to DOH presuming that the recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AA) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) constitute the "prevailing medical standard for child health supervision services"? Although these two organizations are still mentioned in the bill, it appears that it now gives the DOH the authorization to make recommendations relating to clinical preventive services and issue standing orders for medications and immunizations. Furthermore, HB1898 SD2 is clarifying now that the recommendations by DOH are the "prevailing medical standards" for child health supervision services.

- Did this change in the bill's description occur because the American Academy of Pediatrics has recently been hit with a lawsuit due to fraudulent vaccine safety claims?

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/chd-rico-lawsuit-against-aap-fraudulent-vaccine-safety-claims/>

Hawaii's families continue to question the standards of both AAP and ACIP. Frequent visits to pediatricians are usually to receive their updated vaccine injections, often without fully informed consent to the ingredients, benefits and risks of vaccinations. Vaccines have often been found NOT to be safe and effective, yet this has been the narrative of AAP. As lawmakers of health and consumer protection, please do your research on vaccines. Here is a comprehensive website with vaccine information:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-2O7egoNeA_ktiFEKvTQtUumdO962s8fhhgRVM_xv6o/edit?tab=t.0

- Over the many years, there are also similar concerns with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. More research can be provided to your HHS & CCP Committees when requested.
- Has the accountability and responsibility for the American Academy of Pediatrics in providing health preventive recommendations and services, such as vaccinations, now being abdicated to Hawaii's Department of Health?
- Is it necessary to require health insurers, HMOs, mutual benefit societies and plans by the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust to provide coverage for preventive services, especially for toxic vaccinations? Other preventive recommendations and services that provide natural and non-toxic preventive services are unfortunately often not covered by health insurance.
- It is very disconcerting that HB1898 HD2 also encompasses the ordering and administering of vaccinations by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians where there is limited knowledge of a patient's long-term health history.

Please oppose HB1898 HD2. This is an unnecessary bill.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 8:26:28 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Cordery	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I APPOSE HB1898 as this bill gives more authority to the DOH with no liability! Why NO LIABILITY? This is unconscionable and unconstitutional!

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Submitted on: 3/19/2026 9:07:33 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Theresa Armbruster	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Totally OPPOSE HB1898 HD2 because the Dept of Health, DOH is mandating all health insurers in HI to provide coverage for preventive services that DOH recommends, & not according to Federal recommendations of the ACIP!

Also, NO Liability for anyone following DOH recommendations--patients would have no legal recourse if harmed by medical providers following DOH guidelines!!!

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Submitted on: 3/17/2026 12:37:21 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brodie Lockard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2026 5:26:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to support HB1898 which would require healthcare providers to provide on-time, routine immunization of all children and adolescents and for the insurance companies to provide the financial coverage.

Younghee Overly, a member of Indivisible Hawaii

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Submitted on: 3/17/2026 8:04:38 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr Karen Parsell Miller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a pediatrician at Kapi'olani Medical Center and am asking for you to kindly strongly support this bill for the children of Hawai'i. Pediatricians main goal in taking care of their patients is to provide evidence based preventitive care so that their patients may not just survive but thrive as they grow into adulthood.

Re: **HB1898** - RELATING TO HEALTH

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair Aquino, and members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Casandra Simonson MD and I am a pediatrician on Maui where I have been treating keiki for the last 12 years. My testimony is my own and not representative of others. I am writing to testify in support of HB1898 but request that the language providing immunity to medical professional society representatives who serve on an Advisory Committee to the Director be reinserted.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns on this important issue for our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Casandra Simonson MD
Pediatrics Chair, CCM

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 9:11:39 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vince Yamashiroya, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support. I would like the following language be inserted into this bill, "providing immunity to medical professional society representatives who serve on an Advisory Committee to the Director." This would protect any medical professionals who might serve on a vaccine advisory committee or other preventive services committee from liability for providing evidence-based recommendations. Thank you.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 10:01:27 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois J Young	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairman and committee Members,

I strongly OPPOSE this bill and urge you to vote NO.

Being that the vaccine injuries have risen due to lack of safety testing, let's focus our attention on educating our public on remedies that have worked in then past ie exercise that increases oxygen intake, wholesome diet, good hygiene, sufficient sleep, rather than a barrage of neurotoxic injections filled with chemicals that our body doesn't recognize.

Regulations set by a pharmaceutical influenced board is not ideal.
My body, my choice.

mahalo, Lois Young

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 11:18:25 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James E Raymond	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you. I am a member of Indivisible Windward.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 11:37:39 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roger Hamada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We must protect healthcare providers from liability for providing preventive care based on current science and DOH guidelines. These dedicated people should not be concerned about threats of liability from individuals reacting to pseudoscience and recommendations based on unfounded and unproven theories, conjecture, and hysteria.

Thank you for accepting my testimony in support of HB1898.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 12:02:42 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Collat	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HB1898 HD2 both personally and as a member of the Indivisible Hawaii State Network (IHSN).

It is indeed unfortunate that we must pass legislation that states what should be intuitively obvious: that taking care of our keiki is important, that vaccines work, and that vaccines not only protect our individual keiki, but all of our keiki and all of our society. But in the post-truth world, we need to spend time defending such basic principles from the onslaught of our crazed minority intent on undoing decades of important public health policies that benefits everyone (even them!).

These are not my semi-informed opinions. Experts at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children receive regular health supervision services — also called well-child visits — to ensure growth, development, and preventive care. These visits are a cornerstone of pediatric care and are covered under certain insurance programs.

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends immunizations as the safest and most cost-effective way of preventing disease, disability, and death. The AAP calls for the on-time, routine immunization of all children and adolescents according to its policy, Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, United States.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Michael Collat, Honolulu

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 1:06:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,
Please pass this Bill

Mahalo

Larry Smith

Indivisible

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HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 1:16:44 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 2:11:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kehaulani Coleman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 9:22:03 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesse Hutchison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you!

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 9:51:15 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I very strongly support HB1898.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 4:39:42 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy D Moser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 6:07:51 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
maile nakano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please protect vaccines for a healthier Hawaii!

Mahalo, Maile from Honolulu

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 7:11:38 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Cuthbert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I support HB 1898 HD1. I am writing as a private citizen and I am also a member of East Hawai'i Indivisible. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children receive regular health supervision services — also called well-child visits — to ensure growth, development, and preventive care. These visits are a cornerstone of pediatric care and are covered under certain insurance programs.

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends immunizations as the safest and most cost-effective way of preventing disease, disability, and death. The AAP calls for the on-time, routine immunization of all children and adolescents according to its policy, Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, United States.

We all need Hawai'i to be the healthiest it can be and HB 1898 HD1 can help make this happen.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

David Cuthbert

Pahoa, Hawai'i

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 9:42:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcela Montalto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

upporting Hawai‘i’s vaccination policies means recognizing their role in protecting both individual and community health, especially in a geographically isolated state with limited hospital capacity.

Hawai‘i’s policies—such as school immunization requirements, expanded access through pharmacies, and universal vaccine funding—help increase vaccination rates and reduce barriers to care. These measures are critical for achieving **herd immunity**, which helps prevent outbreaks of highly contagious diseases like measles and protects vulnerable populations who cannot be vaccinated.

Data from the Hawai‘i Department of Health shows that when vaccination rates rise, communities are better protected, while lower coverage increases the risk of outbreaks and disease spread—especially in schools.

Additionally, Hawai‘i’s commitment to funding vaccines and allowing more healthcare providers (like pharmacists) to administer them improves equity by ensuring that all residents—regardless of income or insurance—can access life-saving immunizations.

In short, Hawai‘i’s vaccination policies are a proactive public health strategy that helps prevent disease, protect vulnerable populations, and maintain safer, healthier communities statewide.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 12:11:13 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine L. Andrews, J.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully request your vote in support of this measure.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 12:53:57 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Bellamy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children receive regular health supervision services and strongly recommends immunizations as the safest and most cost-effective way of preventing disease, disability, and death. The AAP calls for the on-time, routine immunization of all children and adolescents according to its policy, Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger.

Also, as a Kupuna, I know that if a child gets sick, they can pass their sickness on to parents and grandparents.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 1:31:31 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denize Machit	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center supports HB 1898 HD1. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children receive regular health supervision services — also called well-child visits — to ensure growth, development, and preventive care. These visits are a cornerstone of pediatric care and are covered under certain insurance programs.

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends immunizations as the safest and most cost-effective way of preventing disease, disability, and death. The AAP calls for the on-time, routine immunization of all children and adolescents according to its policy, Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, United States.

we must protect our communities, when federal government intervention goes against Hawai'i's best practices. Save our children.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.
Denize Machit

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 1:54:34 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ginger edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vaccinations are important and should be provided

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 3:31:33 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Gail Morrison, Honolulu

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Keohokalole, Vice Chairs McKelvey and Fukunaga, and the Members of the HHS and CPN Committees

I am writing in strong support of HB 1898 HD2, a bill to add the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) to the legal definition of “prevailing medical standard”.

The recent takeover of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices by anti-vaccine activists is alarming and their current recommendations differ greatly from established medical standards and practice, including when it comes to children’s health. These new recommendations are not backed by science nor the greater medical community. For that reason, we must allow the recommendations of actual experts, backed by documented science and medicine, to guide our hand.

For decades the AAP has been the leading voice on children’s health and medicine, backed by rigorous science. Their recommended immunization schedule is endorsed by more than 200 organizations together representing well over a million doctors and nurses, and pharmacists. Adding their recommendations to the legal definition of “prevailing medical standard” will ensure that Hawai’i residents will still be able to follow those recommendations and have them covered by health insurance. This will help our keiki to stay healthy as they grow up and avoid preventable disease.

Mahalo for your time,

Michael Paul

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 4:06:05 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Justice, M.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair; Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair; Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services

I am a retired physician, a resident of Kapolei, and a member of the Indivisible Hawai`i Statewide Network. I am writing to provide testimony in strong support of HB1898 HD2. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children receive regular health supervision services to ensure growth and development and to provide preventive care. These services are a cornerstone of pediatric care and are covered under certain insurance programs.

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends immunizations as the safest and most cost-effective way of preventing disease, disability, and death. The AAP calls for the on-time, routine immunization of all children and adolescents according to its policy, Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, United States.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important bill.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Justice, M.D.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2026 5:53:04 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Morgan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1898 HD2.

As a retired elementary teacher, I deeply care about children. Vaccines have a proven track record of protecting children from dangerous diseases. Besides endangering the children who are not vaccinated, the unvaccinated also endanger people with fragile health by exposing them to preventable diseases.

I once had a student with cancer who could not come to school because of the risk of catching diseases from unvaccinated children.

Please protect Hawaii's keiki by continuing to require vaccinations by passing HB1898 HD2

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 8:03:42 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eileen Cain	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Senators,

Recommendations for vaccinations by the Department of Health protect us all. Please support this bill.

Mahalo,

Eileen Cain,

Honolulu

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 5:11:53 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Miyata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully ask you to oppose HB 1898 HD2.

We need more medical freedom and opportunities for safe and natural remedies without harmful side effects.

Please vote NO on HB 1898 HD2.

Mahalo,

Linda

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 7:42:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Aquino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center supports HB 1898 HD1. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children receive regular health supervision services — also called well-child visits — to ensure growth, development, and preventive care. These visits are a cornerstone of pediatric care and are covered under certain insurance programs.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. Jane Aquino, Indivisible

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Submitted on: 3/19/2026 8:36:50 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vernelle Oku	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Respectfully request the legislature not to shield healthcare practitioners pushing for an increase in vaccinations (and their profits).

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 8:45:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Loree Jean Searcy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to HB1898

The DOH should not be the entity making decisions about vaccinations! It is a personal choice between the patient and the doctor. No vaccines should be mandatory, ever! It's all about making money for pharmaceuticals!

I oppose this bill

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 8:52:51 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am testifying in support of HB1898 HD2. I agree with the policy that the bill recommends with regards to vaccinations. Mahalo for your consideration.

HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 9:26:37 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reina Loughlin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee,

I am in strong opposition of HB1898 HD2 for these reasons:

The intentions of this bill may be for public safety and to provide helpful medical advice, but it actually centralizes medical opinions which comes with bias and is often only focused on conventional practices and medicine.

This bill sets a path that easily leads to mandates, taking away people's medical freedom.

This bill lacks liability. If this health advisory committee is going to act as professionals giving medical advice like licensed doctors, they should also be liable as licensed doctors. If liability is an issue, this advisory committee shouldn't exist, but rather leave this task to people's own healthcare providers.

For these reasons, I oppose.

mahalo.

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HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 11:28:50 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martin Choy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB 1898 and HB 2.

Full protections for the public needs to be preserved including recourse to seek liability damages.

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To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date/Time: Friday, March 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Re: Testimony HB 1898 SD2 – Comments only.

Dear Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair, Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair, Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair, Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair and Members of the Committees,

Members of Indivisible Hawai'i thank you for this opportunity to provide comments re: HB 1898 SD2.

HB1898 was intended to be a pro-science, pro-vaccine bill. We fully support the intent of this bill and support HB 1898 SD2 as amended, provided that the recommendations of the Hawaii DOH, AG, Hawaii Medical Association have been incorporated to clarify and insure that insurance reimbursement for vaccines in Hawaii follows science-based guidelines, as defined by the American Academy of Pediatrics and/or the Hawaii Department of Health. Sadly, we can no longer count on the federal standards (ACIP) to decide Hawaii's standard practice.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Indivisible Hawai'i Healthcare Team

The mission of the 14-chapter Indivisible Hawai'i Statewide Network (IHSN) is to protect Hawai'i and democracy by defending civil rights, communities and values, most importantly, Hawai'i's Constitutionally protected spirit of Aloha. In October 2025, IHSN with other partners turned out over 22,000 residents on all major islands to say No Dictators! and to stand up for democracy. This call-to-action was part of Indivisible national's mobilization of more than 7 million across the country as the voice of the people, committed to election integrity and to evolving as a place of equity, opportunity and peace.

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HB-1898-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 6:56:00 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose HB1898.Department of "Health" no longer cares about our health for they are activist and are controlled by the governor.No funding for them,they should be defunded and abolished.Corruption runs high and all they want is money.Look what happend in the scandemic.Covid Fraud!!!!