Proposed Amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 157 (HAR 11-157)

Hawaii for Informed Consent: Concerns and Goals

The Hawaii Department of Health has the authority to create vaccine requirements and administration guidelines via rule making procedures, which completely bypass the normal checks and balances of the Legislative process. The DOH has proposed amendments to HAR 11-157 with the primary goal of adopting the ACIP’s most current vaccination schedule and “General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization Practices”.

This will force all schools, both public and private, from infant daycare thru college, to now require all ACIP recommended vaccines for attendance.

Medical exemptions will be required to be in a “form or format” created by the DOH, a copy must be submitted to the DOH, and will most likely have to follow the very restrictive ACIP precautions & contraindications.

Religious exemptions will also be required to be on an unspecified DOH form, and must abide by the following language: “the parent/guardian must certify that immunizations are not in accordance with the religious tenets of his or her established church. A request for religious exemption based on objections to specific vaccine(s) will not be accepted.”

PII (names and addresses) of all children with exemptions must be reported to the DOH by all schools.
In December 2018 there was a tremendous public outcry in opposition to HAR 11-157, with hundreds showing up to testify at the DOH in person, as well as submitting over 700 written testimonies. These rule changes have now reached Governor Ige’s desk for final approval.

Please oppose HAR 11-157 by contacting the Governor’s office:

• Share with him your personal vaccine injury story

• Urge him to keep ACIP vaccine recommendations as individual practice guidelines, NOT translate federal recommendations into one-size-fits-all, blanket state mandates.

• Allow doctors to write medical exemptions at their own discretion utilizing each individual patient and family history knowledge, the vaccine package insert, and without scrutiny or oversight by the DOH.

• Demand religious exemption language not discriminate or violate our God given, first amendment rights

• Require the DOH to abide by current privacy rules and statutes by requesting aggregate numbers of exemptions only, without names & addresses.

• Ask him to BE A BRAVE LEADER & a visionary for our keiki’s future; to “wait & watch”, and not increase the number of vaccines required for school eligibility until:
  - Childhood vaccines are required to undergo the same stringent, long term, and inert placebo safety testing as all other drugs.
  - Vaccine manufacturers are made liable again for all injuries & deaths caused by their products - support a Resolution to Repeal this critical portion of the 1986 NCVIA
  - He leads the State of Hawaii in conducting a study of completely unvaccinated vs. vaccinated (by the ACIP/CDC schedule) - to determine if Hawaii children following these guidelines are actually healthier.