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SB 203 – RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the committee:

My name is Carolyn Ma, and I am the Dean for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). The University of Hawai'i at Hilo fully supports this bill that will allow registered pharmacists trained and certified in vaccine administration to administer vaccines to 11-17 year old patients. The bill also specifies requirements pharmacists must meet prior to administering any vaccine to a person between these ages.

Act 68, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2017, authorized pharmacists to administer vaccinations to patients in the age range of 11-17 year olds. It also specified requirements that pharmacists must meet prior to administering vaccinations. However, it appears that the language of Act 68 was inconsistent as it also referred to a separate age range of "fourteen and seventeen." Accordingly, this bill would clarify the intent of Act 68, SLH 2017, by clarifying the age range as "eleven and seventeen."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.