

**PLEASE OPPOSE BILL:
OPPOSED HB 1040 Health Occupations—Pharmacists—Administration of
Vaccinations**

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Dear Members of the Committee,

I testified against a very similar bill last year. I was in the room when Senator Augustine, the bill sponsor, said that this bill was needed to help struggling pharmacies make money. While I appreciate trying to keep my local pharmacy in business, this is not the way to do that. The American Association of Pediatricians were also represented at the hearing and disagreed with the bill. Children have a complicated vaccination schedule and need to go to their pediatrician to receive their vaccines. Parents should not be allowed to take their children to a pharmacy, skip an important wellness visit, and just stay up to date with vaccines. Even if this did sound like a good idea to help struggling pharmacies, all it will do it open up the possibility for the corporate pharmacies to offer huge incentives to get vaccines administered there. The local companies won't be able to compete. All around, it is not a good solution to the problem of giving children access to healthcare and supporting local businesses. I urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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