

Written Testimony Submitted to OPPOSE SB 372

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Madam Chair, Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

In consideration of SB 372, "For the purpose of authorizing pharmacist to order and administer vaccinations" to minors, would the Finance Committee provide clarity to SB 372's provisions to:

1. Establish a timeline stated in Section 2 as "From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 inclusive"
Does this end the authorization for the bill?
2. The bill allows for the vaccination to be administered without a prescription. Therefore, "one effort to notify the minors primary care provider or other usual source of care" must be documented. This language seems to ignore Federal rule providing for a Vaccination Information Statement required to the parent/guardian. Define "other usual source of care" as stated. Again, is this language intentionally omitting parental/guardian notice of vaccination?
3. The bill states the "Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety." If EUA has been cancelled, to what emergency does this refer?
IF the bill is from "July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, that leaves 5 months left to "preserve the public health or safety" ???

As the members deliberate this bill, do any have reservations about the language in the bill allowing a pharmacist with 20 hours of training and a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education, ordering and administering a medical procedure such as a vaccination to minors between 3-11 years of age?

SB 372 does not address an emergency. It creates one. Its claim of the need for immediate action for health or safety is unfounded and will no doubt lead to injury claims.

Keep our children safe. OPPOSE SB 372.

Sincerely,
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