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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A SKIN CANCER  
EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM AND COLLECT DATA ON THE  
INCIDENCE OF ALL FORMS OF SKIN CANCER AMONG RESIDENTS AND  
TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A  
CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAM IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in  
2 the United States, with more than one million new cases  
3 diagnosed annually; and

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5 WHEREAS, one in five Americans will develop some form of  
6 skin cancer during the course of their lifetime; and

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8 WHEREAS, more than ninety per cent of all cases of skin  
9 cancer develop from exposure to the sunlight; and

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11 WHEREAS, a person's risk for developing skin cancer doubles  
12 if the person has had five or more sunburns; therefore,  
13 sunbathers and people that spend a great deal of time outdoors  
14 are at particular risk of skin cancer; and

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16 WHEREAS, skin cancer from sun exposure is largely  
17 preventable through the use of barriers that protect the user  
18 from the sun's harmful rays, such as sunscreen, hats, and  
19 clothing; and

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21 WHEREAS, residents and visitors to Hawaii are exposed to  
22 high doses of ultraviolet radiation from the sun daily; and

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24 WHEREAS, people with special skin conditions may be even  
25 more susceptible to the skin damage from ultraviolet radiation  
26 from sunlight; and

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28 WHEREAS, residents and visitors to the State need to be  
29 made aware of the risk of sun cancer due to prolonged repeated



1 exposure to high doses of ultraviolet radiation from the sun;  
2 and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii's young people need to be educated on the  
5 dangers of sun exposure and the ways that they may protect  
6 themselves against skin cancer; and

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8 WHEREAS, under Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, the  
9 Department of Education is required to assume responsibility for  
10 school health services; now therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
14 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
15 Health is encouraged to develop a program, that includes public  
16 service announcements, to educate all residents and visitors on  
17 the dangers of skin cancer and the importance of sun protection;  
18 and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
21 strongly urged to work with the Department of Education to  
22 develop and implement a program in all public schools to educate  
23 Hawaii's students on the dangers of sun exposure and the ways  
24 that they may protect themselves against skin cancer; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
27 urged to begin data collection on the incidence of all forms of  
28 skin cancer among residents of Hawaii, including melanoma, basal  
29 cell carcinoma, and squamous cell carcinoma; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
32 encouraged to develop a program to encourage residents to  
33 receive regular skin cancer screenings from their health care  
34 provider; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
37 encouraged to examine the benefits of dark automobile window  
38 tinting for persons with skin conditions that make them more  
39 sensitive to sunlight; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of  
Education.

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