
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS' BILL OF RIGHTS OFFERED AS
SENATE BILL NO. 1674 AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3782 IN THE NEW
YORK STATE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, numerous studies and reports published in the last
2 several decades by the Centers for Disease Control, Food and
3 Drug Administration, and American Academy of Pediatrics have
4 concluded that breastfed infants are healthier than bottle-fed
5 babies; and

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7 WHEREAS, studies continue to show that breastfed infants
8 have fewer hospital stays, suffer fewer ear and gastrointestinal
9 infections, rashes, food allergies, and diarrhea and are at
10 lower risk for sudden infant death syndrome, asthma, and obesity
11 than bottle-fed babies; and

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13 WHEREAS, breastfeeding also has economic benefits, as
14 mothers can expect to spend as much \$700 or more for the first
15 year of formula feeding; and

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17 WHEREAS, a United States Department of Agriculture analysis
18 estimates that at least \$3,600,000,000 could be saved nationally
19 if only fifty per cent of mothers breastfed their infants until
20 they were at least six months old; and

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22 WHEREAS, women who receive appropriate, culturally
23 sensitive information and support about breastfeeding during and
24 immediately following their childbirth delivery are eight times
25 more likely to continue breastfeeding for at least six weeks
26 compared to women who received little or no post delivery
27 support about breastfeeding; and

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29 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1674 and Assembly Bill No. 3782 of
30 the New York State Legislature propose to codify every woman's
31 right to be informed about the benefits of breastfeeding and to
32 have an environment that is conducive to what all pediatricians
33 agree to be the safest and healthiest choice for newborn and
34 infant feeding; and



WHEREAS, the bills propose adoption of a statement of rights, known as the breastfeeding mothers' bill of rights, to: provide mothers with basic breastfeeding-related rights before, during and after the birth of their baby; require that the statement of rights be conspicuously posted in a public place in maternal health care facilities, nurseries, maternity floors, and post-delivery recovery rooms; and require assistance from lactation specialists in the hospital and after discharge; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, that this body expresses its support for the breastfeeding mothers' bill of rights offered in Senate Bill No. 1674 and Assembly Bill No. 3782 of the New York State Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Speaker Sheldon Silver of the New York State Assembly, President Joseph Bruno of the New York State Senate, and to the introducers of the respective bills, State Senator Liz Krueger and State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

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