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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAKE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS  
IMMUNIZATION AVAILABLE TO INDIGENT PATIENTS AND THROUGH THE  
TEEN VAX PROGRAM, AND URGING INSURERS TO OFFER HUMAN  
PAPILLOMAVIRUS IMMUNIZATION TO FEMALE POLICYHOLDERS ELEVEN  
TO TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE.

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2 WHEREAS, infection with sexually transmitted human  
3 papillomavirus is common in adult populations worldwide, and  
4 research suggests that up to seventy-five per cent of women will  
5 become infected with one or more of the sexually transmitted  
6 human papillomavirus types at some point during adulthood; and  
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8 WHEREAS, although most genital human papillomavirus  
9 infections come and go without ever causing any symptoms,  
10 lingering infections with a small subset of high-risk human  
11 papillomavirus types can lead to the development of cervical  
12 cancer; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the current generation of preventive human  
15 papillomavirus vaccines that are available target the two most  
16 common high-risk human papillomavirus types that cause about  
17 seventy per cent of all cervical cancer. These vaccines are  
18 designed to elicit virus-neutralizing antibody responses that  
19 prevent initial infection with the human papillomavirus types  
20 represented in the vaccine; and  
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22 WHEREAS, vaccination has been shown to offer one hundred  
23 per cent protection against the development of cervical pre-  
24 cancers and genital warts caused by the human papillomavirus  
25 types in the vaccine, with few or no side effects, and the  
26 protective effects of these vaccines are expected to last a  
27 minimum of four and one-half years after the initial  
28 vaccination; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the development of human papillomavirus vaccines  
31 offer a previously unavailable source of protection against one  
32 of the most common and deadly types of cancer; in essence, a



1 human papillomavirus vaccine is a vaccine against cervical  
2 cancer; and  
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4 WHEREAS, by making human papillomavirus vaccinations more  
5 widely available through public health programs and expanded  
6 insurance coverage, the overall health of Hawaii's population  
7 would be improved and the incidence of cervical cancer would be  
8 reduced; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
12 Session of 2007, that the Department of Health is requested to  
13 include human papillomavirus immunization among the services  
14 available to indigents and others; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
17 requested to include human papillomavirus immunization among the  
18 vaccinations available in its Teen VAX Program; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that insurers providing health  
21 coverage in the State are urged to offer coverage to female  
22 policyholders eleven through twenty-six years of age, not as an  
23 employer option or deductible, for immunization against human  
24 papillomavirus for the policyholder and individuals covered  
25 under the policy, contract, plan, or agreement; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and to the  
29 Insurance Commissioner, who in turn is requested to distribute  
30 copies to the chief executive officer of each major insurer  
31 providing health coverage to policyholders or group members in  
32 this State.  
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