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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW THE STATE'S
VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS AND DETERMINE WHETHER VACCINATION
FOR PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE FOR CHILDREN ENTERING CHILD CARE
SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE CURRENT LIST OF REQUIRED
VACCINATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii law requires children to meet physical
2 examination and immunization requirements before attending any
3 public school or child care facility in the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, vaccinations are required for all children
6 entering day care, preschool, kindergarten, and seventh grade,
7 and for students entering school in Hawaii for the first time,
8 regardless of age; and
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10 WHEREAS, vaccination requirements for child care, day care,
11 Head Start, and preschool include vaccinations for
12 diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and
13 rubella, hepatitis B, Haemophilus influenzae type b, and
14 varicella (chicken pox); and
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16 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
17 Prevention, there has been a one hundred thirty-eight per cent
18 increase in the incidence of pneumococcal disease in Hawaii
19 between 1999 and 2003; and
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21 WHEREAS, invasive pneumococcal disease is a group of life-
22 threatening infections caused by the bacterium streptococcus
23 pneumoniae, and includes bacterial meningitis, bacteremia,
24 sepsis and bacteremic pneumonia; and
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26 WHEREAS, vaccines remain the best defense available today
27 against infectious diseases; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
30 reports that although safe and efficacious vaccines are now



1 available, thousands of children die or are hospitalized each
2 year from vaccine-preventable diseases; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices,
5 the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of
6 Family Physicians submit a list of recommended general
7 vaccinations to the State; and

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9 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the list of recommended vaccinations
10 has not been amended in the past four years; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
15 Health is requested to review its current immunization program
16 and determine whether vaccination for pneumococcal disease for
17 children entering child care should be added to the current list
18 of required vaccinations; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
21 requested to report its findings, recommendations, and actions
22 to update the State's vaccination entry requirements for child
23 care, including any necessary proposed legislation, to the
24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
25 the Regular Session of 2008; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
29 the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the
30 President and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
31 American Academy of Family Physicians.

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