
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that infection with
2 sexually transmitted human papillomavirus is common in adult
3 populations worldwide. Research suggests that up to 75 per cent
4 of women will become infected with one or more of the sexually
5 transmitted human papillomavirus types at some point during
6 adulthood. Although most genital human papillomavirus
7 infections do not result in symptoms, lingering infections with
8 a small subset of high-risk human papillomavirus types can lead
9 to the development of cervical cancer.

10 The current generation of preventive human papillomavirus
11 vaccines that are available targets the two most common high-
12 risk human papillomavirus types that cause about 70 per cent of
13 all cervical cancer. The two vaccines that are currently
14 available, gardasil and cervarix, are designed to elicit virus-
15 neutralizing antibody responses that prevent initial infection
16 with the human papillomavirus types represented in the vaccine.
17 The vaccines have been shown to offer 100 per cent protection
18 against the development of cervical pre-cancers and genital



1 warts caused by the human papillomavirus types in the vaccine,
2 with few or no side effects. The protective effects of these
3 vaccines are expected to last a minimum of four and one-half
4 years after the initial vaccination.

5 The development of human papillomavirus vaccines offers a
6 previously unavailable source of protection against one of the
7 most common and deadly types of cancer. In essence, a human
8 papillomavirus vaccine is a vaccine against cervical cancer.

9 The purpose of this Act is to improve the overall health of
10 Hawaii's population and reduce the incidence of cervical cancer.
11 This Act requires the department of education, in collaboration
12 with the department of health, to establish a program to:

13 (1) Provide without charge accurate, educational
14 information on human papillomavirus, the link between
15 human papillomavirus infection and cervical cancer,
16 and the availability of human papillomavirus
17 immunizations to the parents of all female public
18 school students in sixth grade; and

19 (2) Make available human papillomavirus immunizations to
20 all female public school students in the sixth grade.

21 SECTION 2. The department of education, in collaboration
22 with the department of health, shall develop a pamphlet or



1 brochure that provides accurate, educational information on
 2 human papillomavirus, the link between human papillomavirus
 3 infection and cervical cancer, and the availability of human
 4 papillomavirus immunizations. This educational pamphlet or
 5 brochure shall be provided, without charge, to the parents of
 6 all female public school students in sixth grade. The
 7 information shall be provided to the parents of the students no
 8 later than thirty days after the beginning of each school year,
 9 effective beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
 13 establishment of an educational program to reduce the risk of
 14 cervical cancer by providing to the parents of all female public
 15 school students in the sixth grade a free educational pamphlet
 16 or brochure on human papillomavirus that includes information on
 17 the availability of human papillomavirus immunizations.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 19 education for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the



1 establishment of an educational program to reduce the risk of
2 cervical cancer, including making available human papillomavirus
3 immunizations to all female public school students in the sixth
4 grade.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
6 health for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
8 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on January 1,
9 2050.



Report Title:

DOE; DOH; HPV; Cervical Cancer; Immunization

Description:

Establishes a program to provide accurate information on human papillomavirus to parents of female sixth graders in public schools. Makes available human papillomavirus immunizations to female sixth graders in public schools. Appropriations. (HB2141 HD1)

