
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ASSESS THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF REQUIRING CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATIONS FOR GIRLS BEFORE THEY ENTER THE SEVENTH GRADE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that in 2007, over 11,000
2 women in the United States contracted cervical cancer and
3 approximately 4,000 women died from it; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature also finds that in other countries
6 cervical cancer affects approximately 500,000 women each year;
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9 WHEREAS, the human papillomavirus (HPV) causes almost all
10 cases of cervical cancer; and
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12 WHEREAS, though screening for cervical cancer through
13 regular Pap tests and the HPV virus test can reduce cervical
14 cancer deaths, vaccines have proved more effective; and
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16 WHEREAS, in June 2006, the FDA approved a vaccine shown in
17 clinical research to be one hundred per cent effective at
18 preventing disease from high-risk types of HPV that account for
19 approximately ninety per cent of genital warts and seventy per
20 cent of all cervical cancers and a second vaccine which has been
21 shown to be equally effective is expected to be submitted by
22 early 2007; and
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24 WHEREAS, to be most effective, the FDA-approved HPV vaccine
25 should be given before a person becomes sexually active and the
26 federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends
27 that the HPV vaccine be given routinely to females aged 11 to 12
28 and as early as 9 years, and that women aged 13 to 26 should be
29 vaccinated; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the working group
2 established in 2007 by the Department of Health's Immunization
3 Branch that is currently working with department and community
4 stakeholders to review and update school immunization and
5 examination requirements, is requested to assess the advantages
6 and disadvantages of requiring cervical cancer vaccinations for
7 girls before they enter the seventh grade; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group established
10 by the Department of Health's Immunization Branch submit a
11 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
12 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
13 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
17 and the Governor.

