

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 51

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 51
entitled:

"HOUSE 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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Health to assess whether to require cervical cancer vaccinations
for young women before they enter the seventh grade.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that, in 2007, over eleven thousand
women in the United States contracted cervical cancer and
approximately four thousand women died from this disease.

Your Committee further finds that to be most effective, the
Federal Drug Administration approved human papillomavirus ("HPV")
vaccine should be given before a person becomes sexually active
and the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
recommends that the HPV vaccine be given routinely to females ages
eleven to twelve and as early as nine years old, and that women
ages thirteen to twenty six should be vaccinated.

Your Committee recognizes the studies that show the HPV
vaccine to be one hundred per cent effective at preventing disease

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from high-risk types of HPV that account for ninety per cent of genital warts and seventy per cent of all cervical cancers. Given the supporting scientific data it would be in the best interest of young females to have the Department of Health determine whether the HPV vaccine should be required for all young women before they enter the seventh grade.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 51, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



