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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

HB2141 HD1, RELATING TO EDUCATION

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the intent of HB2141 which provides
2 students and their parents with information and education on human papillomavirus immunizations,
3 providing its implementation does not adversely impact the priorities set forth in the Executive
4 Supplemental Budget.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** No appropriation amount identified but will need additional resources to develop
6 tailored information and education material for students and parents.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health supports public information and education on
8 reducing risks for cervical cancer including information on the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). The
9 availability of accurate and appropriate information tailored to Hawaii's diverse cultures and ethnicities
10 is critical in informing parents enabling them to educate their children, talking with their physicians and
11 assisting in making appropriate decisions.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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