

HCR51

Measure Title:

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

Report Title:

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**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
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April 18, 2008, 1:15 p.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health offers the following comments regarding this
2 measure.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department has an existing means to carry out this legislative request.
5 In 2007, the Department's Immunization Branch convened a working group to gather input from fifteen
6 community and department stakeholder organizations, in order to review and update the current school
7 immunization and examination requirements. This working group has been tasked with reviewing
8 current national recommendations as they pertain to immunizations and examination to determine if
9 evidence-based revisions to the current immunization and examination requirements for school
10 attendance in the State of Hawaii would be recommended. Stakeholder input is invaluable in helping
11 the Department understand the complex issues that may arise as a result of changes to these
12 requirements. If this measure is passed, the Department will bring the issue of an HPV 7th grade school
13 entry requirement before this body for analysis and discussion.
- 14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.