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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL  
EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE CERVICAL CANCER.

1           WHEREAS, the dedicated and combined efforts of medical  
2 researchers are finding the causes and cures of the many types  
3 of cancer that besiege us; and  
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5           WHEREAS, scientists have found that cervical and related  
6 cancers and genital warts are caused by the human papilloma  
7 virus; and  
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9           WHEREAS, in a few cases, men are susceptible to related  
10 cancers caused by human papilloma virus's; and  
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12           WHEREAS, human papilloma virus is contracted through skin  
13 to skin contact and sexual transmission; and  
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15           WHEREAS, abnormal cells that lead to cervical cancer can  
16 often be identified by pap tests given during cervical  
17 examination and can be confirmed by human papilloma virus tests;  
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20           WHEREAS, although ninety-four per cent of women in Hawaii  
21 have had cervical screening, by increasing educational efforts  
22 to encourage all women to get regular examinations, cancers can  
23 be diagnosed at earlier stages and successfully treated; and  
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25           WHEREAS, cervical examinations are covered by health  
26 insurers, health management organizations, Medicaid and  
27 Medicare, so cost is not a large factor in this preventive  
28 measure; and  
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30           WHEREAS, a vaccine is now available that is one-hundred per  
31 cent effective in preventing disease from high risk types of  
32 human papilloma virus that account for seventy per cent of all  
33 cervical cancer; and

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2 WHEREAS, a few states now require girls to receive cervical  
3 cancer vaccines prior to attending middle school, and the 2008  
4 Legislature passed a resolution requesting the Department of  
5 Health to outline the pros and cons of such a program in Hawaii;  
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Health can increase its current  
9 efforts to expand education regarding the causes, cures and  
10 prevention of cervical cancer, and to encourage all women to get  
11 regular pap and human papilloma virus tests; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
16 Health is requested to expand its educational programs to  
17 increase cervical screening and awareness by both men and all  
18 women, in particular, and suggest new and innovative measures to  
19 better disseminate information in order to prevent, and  
20 eventually eradicate, cervical and related cancers; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.  
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