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Subject: I also recommend that this resolution add that the vaccination of youth over 14

Dear Legislators:

We are highly in favor of H.C.R. No. 297 House Concurrent Resolution that is being reviewed this Friday at 10 am.

I also recommend that this resolution add that "the vaccination of youth over 14 yrs. of age and adults" be emphasized in it since the vaccination of children with hepatitis B vaccine is already required in Hawai'i and there is a need for more funding for "screening and vaccination" of at risk youth and adults.

H. C. R. No. 297 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to SEEK increased federal funding to initiate more comprehensive and widespread hepatitis B education, prevention, and treatment programs in Hawaii.

"WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health reports that chronic hepatitis B and liver cancer caused by hepatitis B in Asian Americans, native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders comprise one of the most serious but frequently neglected racial and ethnic health disparities in the U.S."

Mahalo,

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In a message dated 3/25/2009 10:02:15 P.M. Hawaiian Standard Time, mrjoy@hawaii.rr.com writes:

----- Original Message -----

From: Cynthia Nyross
To: 'MarshaRose'
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 4:48 PM
Subject: HepB Federal Funding Reso up for Hearing (3/27/09)

Aloha Marsha,

Just wanted to let you know that the Hepatitis B Federal Funding Resolution we have been working with you on has been scheduled for a hearing in the Health Committee:

- Day/Date: **Friday, March 27, 2009**
- Time: **10:00 a.m.**
- Location: **Conference Room 329**, Hawaii State Capitol

You can submit **testimony** by email: hlttestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov.

See **Hearing Notice**: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2009/hearingnotices/HEARING_HLT_03-27-09_A_.HTM

HCR 297/ HR 269 (author, Tom Brower) urges Hawaii's Congressional delegation "to seek increased federal funding to initiate more comprehensive and widespread hepatitis B education, prevention, and treatment programs in Hawaii." Click here to **read the resolution**:
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2009/bills/HCR297_.htm

We hope this resolution would benefit the 12,000 - 36,000 Hawaii residents living with hepatitis B and prevent new incidents from occurring. Currently, Hawaii has the highest rate of liver cancer in the country.

If you think of anyone who would be interested in testifying, please forward them this email or the Hearing Notice.

The more support we can get for it, the more we can do to help residents treat/prevent this awful disease.

Mahalo,

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