
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION,
INCLUDING VACCINES FOR FEMALES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 9 TO 26
YEARS, TO BETTER PREVENT AND ERADICATE CERVICAL CANCER
CASES IN HAWAII .

1 WHEREAS, *The American Cancer Society Cancer Facts & Figures*
2 2009 reports that 11,270 women in the United States will
3 contract cervical cancer and 4,070 are estimated to die from
4 this disease; and

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6 WHEREAS, the report states that the "Society's prevention
7 programs focus on preventing the use of tobacco products;
8 educating individuals... about the relationship between weight
9 control, diet, physical activity, and cancer; reducing excessive
10 sun exposure; and encouraging individuals to follow the
11 Society's guidelines for preventive screenings for colorectal
12 and cervical cancers, as well as vaccination against human
13 papillomavirus (HPV) to prevent cervical cancer"; and

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15 WHEREAS, many pharmaceutical companies are developing HPV
16 vaccinations, but the report points out that "the FDA has
17 approved Gardasil, the first vaccine developed to prevent the
18 most common HPV infections that cause cervical cancer for use in
19 females aged 9 to 26 years"; and

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21 WHEREAS, in January 2007, "the *American Cancer Society*
22 *Guideline for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Use to Prevent*
23 *Cervical Cancer and Its Precursors* ...show that the vaccine has
24 the potential to prevent up to 70% of the more than 11,000
25 invasive cervical cancers and 3,600 cervical cancer deaths in
26 the US each year. Routine use of the HPV vaccine, coupled with
27 continued screening according to ACS guidelines, has the
28 potential to greatly reduce the occurrence of cervical cancer";
29 and

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1 WHEREAS, the ACS stresses the importance of early detection
2 to give patients the greatest chance of survival; now, therefore

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2010, the Senate
6 concurring, that the Department of Health is requested to
7 redouble its efforts to disseminate methods such as Pap and HPV
8 tests and vaccinations for females between the ages of 9 - 26
9 years to better prevent the incidence of cervical cancer cases
10 in Hawai'i.

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of
14 Health, the American Cancer Society-Hawaii Chapter, and the
15 Hawaii Medical Association.
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