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## HOUSE 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";  
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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, that the  
6 Department of Health is requested to redouble its efforts to  
7 disseminate methods such as Pap and HPV tests and vaccinations  
8 for females between the ages of 9 - 26 years to better prevent  
9 the incidence of cervical cancer cases in Hawai'i.

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