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### House Committee on Health

## H.C.R. 71, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAKE HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS IMMUNIZATION AVAILABLE TO INDIGENT PATIENTS AND THROUGH THE TEEN VAX PROGRAM, AND URGING INSURERS TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS IMMUNIZATION TO FEMALE POLICYHOLDERS ELEVEN TO TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health

April 1, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health appreciates the intent of this concurrent resolution  
2 to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. However,  
3 the funds required to implement this proposal are prohibitive, and the measure's proposed mechanism  
4 for vaccine delivery, the Department of Health's TeenVax Project, was discontinued as of December 31,  
5 2010.
- 6 **Fiscal Implications:** Costs to provide HPV vaccine to indigent adult females aged 19-26 could be as  
7 high as \$2,299,101.84, and the costs for the provision of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to the  
8 female population aged 9 – 18 served by the former TeenVax Project could be as high as  
9 \$16,841,923.92.
- 10 **Purpose and Justification:** The TeenVax Project originated in the 1990's as a hepatitis B vaccine  
11 "catch-up" initiative for all adolescents (i.e., insured) who had not received the vaccine at a younger age.  
12 As federal funding permitted, the project gradually expanded to include additional vaccines such as

1 MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), varicella, live attenuated influenza (LAIV, nasal spray) vaccine,  
2 and for several years, Td (tetanus, diphtheria) vaccine. However, since the Centers for Disease Control  
3 and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for  
4 universal administration of hepatitis B vaccine in infancy and the second dose of MMR vaccine have  
5 now long been in place, the demand for this "catch-up" program had markedly decreased. Due to the  
6 decline in vaccine uptake, increasing vaccine costs, and limited federal funding, the Department of  
7 Health is no longer able to supply vaccines through the TeenVax Project. Children from birth through  
8 age 18 years who are eligible for the federally-funded Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program (uninsured,  
9 Medicaid/Quest, underinsured, or American Indian/Alaska Native), however, may continue to receive  
10 all recommended childhood and adolescent vaccinations, including HPV vaccine, through the VFC  
11 Program.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# Hawaii Right to Life

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Attention: House Health Committee

Hearing: Friday, April 1, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Location: Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S Beretania St, Honolulu

Subject: Opposition to HCR 71, on requesting the Department of Health to make human papillomavirus immunization available to indigent patients and through the Teen Vax program, and urging insurers to offer coverage for human papillomavirus immunization to female policyholders eleven to twenty-six years of age.

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and committee members:

On behalf of Hawaii Right to Life and its members statewide, we strongly oppose HCR 71 due to health and safety issues. Mahalo for your consideration of our concerns.

The sexual transmission of human papillomavirus (HPV) among both men and women is a topic worthy of discussion, particularly for teens or preteens considering becoming sexually active, as it can have serious consequences and is thought to result in certain cancers and genital warts. About 130 strains of the virus are known to exist, over 30 of which are thought to cause cancers of the cervix, vulva, and vagina.

GARDASIL, a widely administered HPV vaccine, targets four HPV strains thought to cause precancerous conditions of the female sexual organs, although it has limitations. Pharmaceutical company Merck, the maker of GARDASIL, states in its product literature, "GARDASIL may not fully protect everyone, nor will it protect against diseases caused by other HPV types. GARDASIL does not prevent all types of cervical cancer."

There is much we still do not know about HPV. A number of studies, including those published in the Journal of Clinical Microbiology (January 2005) and the Journal of Medical Virology (2003) indicate that various strains of HPV have been detected among those who have never had any sexual contact (including newborns). Their conclusion was that HPV might be transmitted through casual, non-sexual contact similar to that of other viruses, such as between friends and family members.

A look at the history of HPV vaccines helps us understand more about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine in order to make an informed decision about its use as a public health tool in Hawaii. In 2006, Merck introduced GARDASIL to a public generally unaware of HPV. However, the public was quickly informed of the "imminent dangers" of the virus when Merck launched its aggressive "One Less" advertising campaign.

According to industry insiders (and subsequent sales figures), the campaign was successful. Merck's marketing techniques earned GARDASIL a "pharmaceutical brand of the year" award from Pharmaceutical Executive magazine for its "savvy disease education" and for "creating a market out of thin air."

*Ho'omaika'i ke ola ka pono lehua me ka make*  
Respect for life from conception to natural death

It is widely acknowledged that the vast majority of HPV infections resolve on their own and cause no symptoms, however, a small minority persist and can cause serious health problems. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among the U.S. population, 2.4 women per 100,000 (or .0024%) died from cervical cancer in 2007, the most recent year for which data is available. While this is certainly cause for concern, given the safety problems with HPV vaccines, more research is needed and factual information must be provided to those considering it for themselves or minor age children.

Both Merck and the FDA admit there are important limitations on the use and effectiveness of GARDASIL: (1) GARDASIL does not eliminate the necessity for women to continue to undergo recommended cervical cancer screening; (2) GARDASIL has not been demonstrated to provide protection against disease from vaccine and non-vaccine HPV types to which a person has previously been exposed; (3) vaccination with GARDASIL may not result in protection in all vaccine recipients.

Merck's clinical trial data on GARDASIL showed that 73.3% of girls who received the vaccination developed "new medical conditions." This is a disturbingly high percentage. Another FDA agency, Vaccines Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) documented that if girls were already exposed to HPV and were subsequently given the HPV vaccine, their chances of getting cervical cancer increased 42.6% with GARDASIL and 32.5% with the vaccine Cervarix. Currently, HPV testing prior to administration is not routinely done.

Many do not realize that HPV vaccines are marketed as being safe but that thousands of adverse reactions, including death, have occurred worldwide as a result of using them. In the United States alone, 21,133 injuries and 89 deaths related to HPV have been reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). The VAERS database is a national vaccine safety surveillance program co-sponsored by the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The National Vaccine Information Center has indicated that "although nearly 70 per cent of all GARDASIL reaction reports were filed by Merck, a whopping 89 per cent of the reports Merck did file were so incomplete there was not enough information for health officials to do a proper follow-up and review." It is estimated that fewer than 10% of those experiencing adverse effects report them.

Dr. Diane Harper, director of the Gynecologic Cancer Prevention Research Group at the University of Missouri, and a lead researcher in the development of GARDASIL, told the Fourth International Public Conference on Vaccination in 2009 that the drug is being "over-marketed" and the research on its potential side effects not properly carried out. Dr. Harper told CBS news last year, "Young girls and their parents should receive more complete warnings before receiving the vaccine." She said that a girl is more likely to die from an adverse reaction to GARDASIL than from cervical cancer.

Given all of these facts, we are very concerned that included in the bill language of HCR 71 is the statement, "vaccination has been shown to offer nearly one hundred per cent protection against the development of cervical pre-cancers and genital warts caused by the human papillomavirus types in the vaccine, with few or no side effects." Unfortunately, this is simply not the case.

The HPV vaccine campaign on unsuspecting and ill-informed medical consumers must be halted until an independent study can demonstrate the safety and efficacy of the vaccine with solid evidence. HPV vaccines have the potential to go down in history as an example of unethical experimental medical procedures harming the health and well being of the very people the vaccines were supposedly designed to protect.

We believe that rather than foist HPV vaccination on unsuspecting young women (particularly minors) as a "silver bullet" that magically wards off HPV and cervical cancer with supposedly "one hundred percent

protection" and allegedly "few or no side effects" it should be between patients and their doctors to review the hard data, including the risks, and decide whether the HPV vaccine should be administered.

Reviewing the facts currently available, it's evident that choosing whether or not to administer the HPV vaccination does not rise to the level of a public health concern that should involve the government. Given this, and especially knowing that there are serious health risks involved including the possibility of death, it is not the role of government to make decisions of this type for patients, particularly minors, that should instead be made as an informed decision by families with input from healthcare providers.

It is widely known that sexually transmitted infection rates strongly correlate with sexual behaviors, and public health data and research support this. We believe that the area of public health in which the government can serve the greatest good is to resolve instead to provide factual information to indigent individuals, teens, and other at-risk populations that sexually transmitted disease of all types is best avoided by reserving sexual activity to within the boundaries of a faithful marriage relationship between one man and one woman.

Again, thank you for hearing our concerns.

Janet Grace  
Executive Director  
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March 31, 2011

**Faxed to:** Sergeant-At-Arms

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**To:** Ryan Yamane, Health Chair and all Health Committee Members

**From:** Margaret Scow

**Re:** Testimony in Strong OPPOSITION to HCR71, regarding the Human Papillomavirus Vaccination

Aloha Representative Yamane and Health Committee Members,

I am the Founder of the Vaccination Education Coalition located in Milliani, HI. We have various members in our coalition, including doctors, nurses, nutritionists, pastors, mothers and other concerned citizens. The Vaccination Education Coalition is in strong OPPOSITION to HCR 71, regarding the HPV Vaccination.

First of all, vaccinations should be a personal choice and no business, organization or employer should ever be forced to cover this vaccination with their medical coverage – that is unconstitutional and violates a person's right to choose.

Next, I have pages and pages of statistics and facts regarding the HPV Vaccination. Even though HPV has been "approved" by the FDA, it is not a safe vaccination. "Merck only studied the vaccine in fewer than 1200 girls under age 16 and most of the serious health problems and deaths in the pre-licensure clinical trials were written off as a 'coincidence,'" said NVIC co-founder and president, Barbara Loe Fisher.

I'm going to highlight the 49 deaths that have occurred with direct links to the HPV Vaccination, as of Feb.18 ,2010: <http://www.nvic.org/pdf/Tarsell-Report-Unexplained-Gardasil-Deaths.pdf>

Since this vaccination is directed at young women ages 11-26, these young ladies have lost their lives at a very early age. You can read about Christina, who died at age 21. She was a talented athlete, artist and honor roll student at Bard College where she majored in Studio Arts. Christina died suddenly and without explanation shortly after the third HPV Vaccination Shot in June 2008: <http://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/HPV/christina.aspx>

Megan died at age 20. She was in great health, didn't drink or smoke and was going in the health care field. Megan was engaged before she died. She got her third Gardasil (HPV Vaccination) in September 2008 which resulted in fatigue and dizzy spells and then she suddenly died on November 15, 2008 without explanation. Unfortunately, her mom never got to see Megan graduate from college or get married: <http://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/HPV/megan.aspx>

Then there's many, many young girls like Cassie, age 16, Ashley, age 16 and Victoria, age 17 who didn't die from the HPV Vaccination but are struggling daily with the painful side effects of the HPV Vaccination.

#### **Side Effects**

What are the side effects for Gardasil and Menactra (two types of HPV Vaccinations)? According to the National Vaccine Information Center, "Using the MedAlerts database, compiling data for VAERS through November 30, 2008, NVIC found that compared to Menactra, Gardasil, (HPV Vaccination) is

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associated with at least twice as many Emergency Room visit reports (5,021), four times as many Death reports (29); five times as many "Did Not Recover" reports (2,017) and seven times as many "Disabled" reports (261). There have been 34 reports of thrombosis, 27 reports of lupus, 23 reports of blood clots, 16 reports of stroke, and 11 reports of vasculitis following Gardasil vaccine given alone without any other vaccines. There are three to six times more fainting or syncope reports after Gardasil vaccination than after Menactra and there have been 544 reports of seizures following Gardasil and 158 after Menactra (73 Menactra-associated seizures involved co-administration with Gardasil.)

In addition, there are approximately 100 strains of HPV. The HPV Vaccination only addresses 4 of these strains. The risks, including death, greatly outweigh the benefits (if there are any.) In my opinion, there are no benefits to this vaccination. Even the FDA admits that cervical cancer can be treated properly if it is detected early. Young women need to get regular pap smears instead of taking HPV vaccinations to prevent cervical cancer.

**Please do not put our indigent patients and especially Hawaii's young girls lives in jeopardy.** The healthiest choice would be for the government to not interfere with a person's right to choose vaccinations or not choose vaccinations. The choice should be the individual's choice and not the government's choice.

Please do not allow HCR 71 to pass this committee.

Mahalo for your time,

Margaret Scow, Founder  
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P.O. Box 894109  
Mililani, HI 96789



Attention: House Health Committee

Hearing: Thursday, April 1, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Conference Room: Conference Room 329

Subject: **OPPOSE HCR 71**

Submitted by: Mary Smart, Mililani, HI

Chairman Ryan Yamane, Vice-Chair Morikawa and Members:

1. **OPPOSE HCR 71** with the following RATIONALE. If a concurrent resolution is appropriate, request you replace the current resolution with a more truthful, effective, caring, and cost conscious resolution that I have provided below.

- a. The resolution is written in generalities. There is no measure of the extent of the problem in Hawaii.
- b. The Resolution fails to address that the risk of HPV can be avoided by behavior choices. Exposure to the HPV virus the vaccine addresses is through sexual contact. Men and women can be protected from HPV by refraining from sexual activity outside of marriage between one man and one woman where both individuals are faithful to their vow of exclusivity.
- c. Since the resolution indicates the vaccines are not one hundred percent effective (studies indicate 98% is the goal), the vaccine gives individuals a false impression that they will be protected when they won't. The specific failure rate should be included so individuals understand they may still be at risk of the disease if they participate in sexual activity with someone outside the traditional marriage. A 2% failure rate will enable the infection a large portion of the population needlessly.
- d. This resolution brushes off the vaccine's side effects. For those who make healthy decisions, there is no need for this vaccine, yet many young people have needlessly suffered from the vaccine injection.
- e. Sexual activity outside of traditional marriage is risky. No insurance company or employer should be forced to cover this vaccine. Government should not be involved in that decision.
- f. If someone decides to participate in risky behavior, that individual should procure insurance that covers their particular risky behavior. If they can't afford coverage, they should refrain from the risky behavior.
- g. People should not have to pay for that coverage they don't need.

- h. The Hawaii Department of Health should not become involved with distribution of the HPV vaccine. The vaccine has a documented failure rate. When the vaccine fails, the State of Hawaii could become liable for damages. The government should not be making false promises of protection when they are well aware there is a failure rate. The vaccine only covers two of the many strains of the HPV virus
- i. Indigents and Teens should not be used as Hawaii Department of Health Guinea Pigs for vaccine testing. The fact that young girls eleven years old are being included is obscene since it is statutory rape in Hawaii for anyone 13 years and younger to participate in sexual activity. No one under 14 should be allowed to be given the vaccine.
- j. **OPPOSE HCR 71.** If the Legislature still believes a resolution is necessary, I submit the following as a replacement:

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAKE EDUCATION AVAILABLE TO TEENS AND HEALTH CLINIC PATIENTS TO INCLUDE INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS THAT THE HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF CERVICAL CANCER AND IT CAN BE AVOIDED BY REFRAINING FROM SEXUAL RELATIONS OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN IN A FAITHFUL, EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP. THESE DEPARTMENTS SHOULD ENSURE THEIR CLIENTEL ARE AWARE THAT THERE ARE OVER 100 STRAINS OF HPV OF WHICH ABOUT 30 DIFFERENT STRAINS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STDs) AND ARE SPREAD THROUGH SEXUAL CONTACT. SOME OF THESE STRAINS CAUSE GENITAL WARTS. A VACCINE IS AVAILABLE THAT ONLY TREATS 2 STRAINS OF THE HPV VIRUS AND THAT THERE IS A FAILURE RATE AND MANY DANGEROUS SIDE EFFECTS. THIS VACCINE DOES NOT PROTECT ANYONE FROM GONORRHEA OR CHLAMYDIA WHICH ARE RAMPANT IN HAWAII FOR WHICH STATISTICS ARE READILY AVAILABLE FROR THE YEARS 1980 – 2008.

Whereas, the infection with sexually transmitted human papillomavirus is common in the adult populations worldwide, and this may spread to as many as seventy-five percent of the population if preventative action is not taken. Hawaii has high infection rates of Gonorrhea and Chlamydia as well. Risky sexual behavior is the cause of most infections.

Whereas, having one sexually transmitted disease makes you more vulnerable to contracting other STDs, including HIV infection, it is the interest of the people of Hawaii that the State make people aware of the dangers of contracting these infections and the best means available to avoid contracting these contagious diseases. Some of these infections can result in the contraction of cervical cancer.

Whereas, the human papillomavirus vaccine that is available has a high likelihood of protecting individuals from the two most prevalent of the 30 sexually transmitted HPV viruses; it has a 2% failure rate even for the strains it is supposed to block.

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Whereas, the 30 stains of the HPV virus strains are passed through sexual contact can be prevented, the vaccine only addresses a couple, therefore, it is in the best interest of the people of Hawaii for the State to promote measures that protect against all strains.

Whereas, not all individuals require coverage for HPV virus, insurance companies should decide whether they will include coverage or not. This will ensure those individuals who refrain from risky behaviors are not paying to cover those individuals who choose to participate in activities that may expose them to this preventable disease.

Whereas, the age of consent in Hawaii is 14 years of age, exposing young girls under the age of 14 to the HPV vaccine which has documented side effects, constitutes child abuse and must not be allowed in Hawaii and should be prosecuted under child protection statutes.

Whereas, all sexually transmitted diseases can be prevented, therefore, the people of Hawaii must be told they can be completely protected from all HPV viruses for life, not just five years, by refraining from sexual activity outside of marriage that consists of one man and one woman in a faithful, exclusive relationship.

Whereas, it is established that HPV is a preventable disease by refraining from risky behaviors, coverage for this disease can be allowed as an option or deductible by employment and other insurance policies.

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-six Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education and the Department of Health will provide abstinence only education programs to the students and indigents who access these programs so that they are aware that these diseases are preventable by abstaining from sexual contact outside traditional marriage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Education will cease teaching Comprehensive Sex Education in schools and will not present any sexual education programs to the students prior to eighth grade and all presentations must be with the permission of the child's parents.

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Testimony of Mr. & Mrs. Roland Crisostomo, Mililani Mauka residents

In opposition to *HCR 71on HPV Vaccination*

*Before the Health Committee*

The *HCR 71on HPV Vaccination* makes the false claim that HPV vaccination results in "few or no side effects" when, in fact, there have been documented **serious adverse effects worldwide**, including many deaths. Moreover, a number of studies, including those published in the **Journal of Clinical Microbiology** and the **Journal of Medical Virology** indicate that HPV may be transmitted through non-sexual contact, including from parents to infants. Currently, HPV screening prior to vaccination is not routinely done.

We believe that rather than impose the HPV vaccination on unsuspecting young women (particularly minors) as a "silver bullet" that magically wards off HPV and cervical cancer with allegedly "few or no side effects" it should be between patients and their doctors to review the facts and decide whether the HPV vaccine should be administered.

Given the facts currently available, it's evident that choosing whether or not to administer the HPV vaccination does not rise to the level of a public health concern that should involve the government. Given this, and especially given that there are serious health risks involved, it is not the role of government to make decisions of this type for patients, particularly minors. It should instead, be made as an informed decision by families with input from healthcare providers like many of the current practices and norms in health care decisions regarding vaccinations.

Therefore, we urge the committee to oppose HCR 71.

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Submitted by: Anel "Tito" Montes, Ewa Beach, HI

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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF HEALTH

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2011

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9:00 A.M

TESTIMONY ON THE HOUSE RESOLUTION HCR 71, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAKE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS IMMUNIZATION AVAILABLE TO INDIGENT PATIENTS AND THROUGH THE TEEN VAX PROGRAM, AND URGING INSURERS TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS IMMUNIZATION TO FEMALE POLICYHOLDERS ELEVEN TO TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE.

TO THE HONORABLE, CHAIR, REPRESENTATIVE YAMANE and  
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

My name is Janet Hobson; I am a resident of Ewa Beach. I am in opposition to this resolution.

Contrary to what the resolution states, the HPV vaccine has no long term benefits available. "May be as long as 5 years," according to the resolution. Medical experts do not know the long term effects of this vaccine as to its efficacy to ward of cervical cancer nor do they claim that this vaccine will protect against all cancers. The manufacturers' commercials themselves refer to the "possibility" that this vaccine "may" protect against different strains of the HPV viruses that "may" cause cervical cancer. There are other causes of cervical cancer and this vaccine will not help in those instances. We are placing our female population and especially our teen girls at risk when given disingenuous information such as this. How many times will a person need to be vaccinated in their lifetime? It is not a magic bullet.

Not only is there no clear long term benefit. The medical community is unsure of the long lasting health injury to women who have or will receive this vaccine. As of January 2011, there have been 90 reported deaths as a direct result from this vaccine. There have been over 2,000 injuries resulting in, onset of seizure and pancreatitis from this HPV vaccine injection, for example. How many times would a woman be exposed to these risks in the course of her life?

In addition, this is not a place where the government should be involved. This issue is between the doctor and the patient. And in cases where the vaccine is being forced upon unsuspecting teens, it is outrageous to claim that they will be protected from cervical cancer; this is just not true. There may be protection from some form of cancer, but this is no guarantee; no protection to all types of cervical cancer. Where teen agers are being pressured to receive this vaccine, this

issue must be left to the parent to make the decision as to whether their daughters will receive the HPV vaccine. Not the government.

In the fiscal mess this state is in right now, we cannot afford another program that throws money down the drain not to mention lawsuits that could result from the injury or death caused by this vaccine. The government would be responsible because it recommended the use of the HPV vaccine or worse forced its use on the citizens of Hawaii.

Lastly, to “urge” insurers to offer this as a coverage to policyholders is not the place of the government, and should not interfere as to what is in my health coverage or not. I don’t want to pay for something that is not going to be utilized by my family. Many families who will not be using this vaccine will end up paying for this cost anyway when you force it to be a covered device.

Please vote NO on this measure.

1. This vaccine is dangerous.
2. The information given to the public is not true regarding the several aspects of the drug.
3. We do not know what the long term benefits are. How long does the vaccine last?
4. We know that 90 women have died from the vaccine.
5. Over 2000 women have been injured, resulting in long term health issues
6. Multiple lifetime exposure to possible injury or death
7. Not a government responsibility, it is an intrusion on Hawaii citizens privacy
8. Government cannot afford another program
9. Government cannot risk lawsuits resulting from injury or death because of HPV vaccine
10. “Urging” insurers to offer this coverage; forces others to pay for something they don’t want

Thank you,

Janet Hobson

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 8:25 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** jbrandt@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Pearl  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jbrandt@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jbrandt@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

It should be the right of parents to choose if a minor should receive any vaccination.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 1:36 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** Pacifical@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ryan Malloy  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Pacifical@aol.com](mailto:Pacifical@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

As a health care provider I strongly oppose this measure that would use taxpayer dollars for coerced vaccinations.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:10 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** vbunny4@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kristen Brackins  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [vbunny4@yahoo.com](mailto:vbunny4@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

This video represents my concerns over this bill. Please take the time to review it. Thank you for your consideration.

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1995527181/one-more-girl-documentary>

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** lrsgsuzu@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rhonda Suzuki  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lrsgsuzu@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:lrsgsuzu@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

It is a parent's right to decide what is best for their child. I do not want my daughter to be required or forced to take a vaccine that I do not believe is safe or necessary.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:27 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** jojoyoungs@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jo E Youngs  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jojoyoungs@yahoo.com](mailto:jojoyoungs@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha, Please do not make forced medical decisions on little girls health. Let parents and her Dr. Decide!

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:14 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** Mashiach\_is\_coming@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Karen Goodness  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Mashiach\\_is\\_coming@yahoo.com](mailto:Mashiach_is_coming@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:  
HPV vaccination  
PLEASE OPPOSE HCR 71

This VACCINE has too many side effects and 64 deaths.

This does not help because the risk is great.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:12 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** pkreasoner@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tim and Pam Reasoner  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [pkreasoner@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:pkreasoner@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:08 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** llburbage@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lora Burbage  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [llburbage@yahoo.com](mailto:llburbage@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose this legislation for 2 reasons: vaccinations for minors should be the decision of the parents and physicians and second there is no outbreak of epidemic proportions to warrant this vaccination program.

Do not use tax money for issues that should be the personal decision of parents or adults.

Mahalo,  
Lora Burbage

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:56 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** troydk7@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Troy Krill  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [troydk7@gmail.com](mailto:troydk7@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:  
I do not support HCR71...please hear my voice.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:51 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** hrc.shc@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jo Mosley  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hrc.shc@gmail.com](mailto:hrc.shc@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

PLEASE do NOT support HCR71!

Not only is this ethically wrong, it is not allowed by our Constitution. There is NO proof that this drug's benefit outweighs the serious side effects that we already know of. Since this, and so many other new drugs are not longitudinally studied, it may be years before we realize the true damage it may cause. The government has NO legal avenue in which to justify this drug be mandatory, especially in teens. How would you like your child to die from a mandatory vaccine that "MAY" prevent a disease that your child may never get anyway. As Americans, we have the right to refuse medical attention at any stage of our life, and parents have the right to make the decision for their child, NOT the government!!

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:31 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** teresamarie@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: teresa fredericks  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [teresamarie@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:teresamarie@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

As the mother of two girls, 17 and 12, I will not allow the government to dictate this vaccine. Several girls have died after receiving this vaccine, and others have suffered ailments as a result of it.

Bad medicine period.

sign me,  
Teresa Fredericks, RN

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:28 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** spreasoner@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shawn Reasoner  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [spreasoner@yahoo.com](mailto:spreasoner@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

I do not want this mandatory for my three girls. Although there are many without adverse side affects, there are numerous that have had adverse side affects even death. Please do not support this effort.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:26 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** tishhead2@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Letitia Reasoner  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tishhead2@yahoo.com](mailto:tishhead2@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

There are too many people that have had adverse affects from this drug. I do not want this mandatory for my children.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:24 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** howardl@nikingcorp.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Howard Leung  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [howardl@nikingcorp.com](mailto:howardl@nikingcorp.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

I am writing to urge you to OPPOSE HCR 71 on HPV vaccination

HCR 71 would use taxpayer funding to provide the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to indigent patients, to teens through the Teen Vax program, and to pressure private insurers to require patient vaccinations. The HPV vaccination would be administered to girls as young 11 years of age.

The bill language makes the false claim that HPV vaccination results in "few or no side effects" when, in fact, there have been documented serious adverse effects worldwide, including many deaths.

Moreover, a number of studies, including those published in the Journal of Clinical Microbiology and the Journal of Medical Virology indicate that HPV may be transmitted through non-sexual contact, including from parents to infants.

Currently, HPV screening prior to vaccination is not routinely done. We believe that rather than foist HPV vaccination on unsuspecting young women (particularly minors) as a "silver bullet" that magically wards off HPV and cervical cancer with allegedly "few or no side effects" it should be between patients and their doctors to review the facts and decide whether the HPV vaccine should be administered.

Given the facts currently available, it's evident that choosing whether or not to administer the HPV vaccination does not rise to the level of a public health concern that should involve the government. Given this, and especially given that there are serious health risks involved, it is not the role of government to make decisions of this type for patients, particularly minors, that should instead be made as an informed decision by families with input from healthcare providers.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:01 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** tishaspersonalemail@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tisha Woytenko  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tishaspersonalemail@gmail.com](mailto:tishaspersonalemail@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose this bill because:

"The bill language makes the false claim that HPV vaccination results in "few or no side effects" when, in fact, there have been documented serious adverse effects worldwide, including many deaths. Moreover, a number of studies, including those published in the Journal of Clinical Microbiology and the Journal of Medical Virology indicate that HPV may be transmitted through non-sexual contact, including from parents to infants. Currently, HPV screening prior to vaccination is not routinely done.

We believe that rather than foist HPV vaccination on unsuspecting young women (particularly minors) as a "silver bullet" that magically wards off HPV and cervical cancer with allegedly "few or no side effects" it should be between patients and their doctors to review the facts and decide whether the HPV vaccine should be administered.

Given the facts currently available, it's evident that choosing whether or not to administer the HPV vaccination does not rise to the level of a public health concern that should involve the government. Given this, and especially given that there are serious health risks involved, it is not the role of government to make decisions of this type for patients, particularly minors, that should instead be made as an informed decision by families with input from healthcare providers."

Thank you.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 6:53 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** tishaprunty@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tisha Prunty  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tishaprunty@yahoo.com](mailto:tishaprunty@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:  
To whom it may concern,

I highly disagree to HCR71, this is an outrage and should not be considered.

Tisha Prunty  
Honolulu, HI

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 5:35 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** oggboy@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: conrado  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [oggboy@gmail.com](mailto:oggboy@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

with a budget deficit these funds should be put towards areas where it will benefit the community. More so, I do not approve measures that "require" people to be vaccinated or not. It is there GOD given right to make that choice.

## **morikawa2 - Grant**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:29 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** toddhairgrove@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HCR71 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Todd Hairgrove  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [toddhairgrove@yahoo.com](mailto:toddhairgrove@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments: