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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO UPDATE STANDARDS OF VACCINATIONS
FOR CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, immunization has been recognized as one of the
2 most cost-effective interventions available in public health and
3 as a core component of the human right to health care; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly Resolution,
6 WHA65.17, Agenda Item 13.12, 26 May 2012, Global Vaccine Action
7 Plan, acknowledged the remarkable progress made in several
8 countries to ensure that every eligible individual is immunized
9 with all appropriate vaccines irrespective of geographical
10 location, age, gender, disability, education level,
11 socioeconomic group, ethnicity, or work conditions; and
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13 WHEREAS, in the 2007 Regular Session, the Legislature
14 passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 202, "Requesting the
15 Department of Health to Review the State's Vaccination
16 Requirements and Determine Whether Vaccination for Pneumococcal
17 Disease for Children Entering Child Care Should Be Added to the
18 Current List of Required Vaccinations"; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Health submitted a report to the
21 Legislature pursuant to that measure in October, 2007; and
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23 WHEREAS, in the Regular Session of 2013, the Legislature
24 passed Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, which authorized
25 the Department of Health to adopt, amend, or repeal rules to
26 establish a list of specific vaccines and the immunization
27 recommendations of the United States Department of Health and
28 Human Services Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; and



S.C.R. NO. 156

1 WHEREAS, despite passage in 2007 of Senate Concurrent
 2 Resolution No. 202 and passage in 2013 of Act 231, no updates to
 3 the vaccination standards have occurred; and

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 5 WHEREAS, whether or not proposed administrative rules have
 6 yet been drafted, they have not been put forth for public
 7 hearing and comment as required by chapter 91, Hawaii Revised
 8 Statutes; now, therefore,


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 10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
 12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 13 Health is urged to complete the process for adopting and
 14 implementing administrative rules under chapter 91, Hawaii
 15 Revised Statutes, to update standards of vaccination for
 16 children; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 19 requested to submit a report of its activities in conformity
 20 with this measure to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 21 prior to the convening of the Regular Session on 2018; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant
 25 Governor, Director of Health, Director of Human Services,
 26 Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson of the Board of
 27 Education.

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