

SCR 157

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES TO PREVENT IT.

Report Title: Meningococcal Disease; Vaccination Recommendations

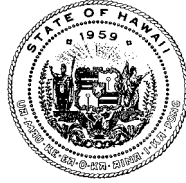
Description:

Companion: HCR160

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU/HRE, CPH

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**Testimony COMMENTING on SCR157
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES TO
PREVENT IT**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: April 4, 2017 Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None to the Department of Health.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** DOH appreciates the intent of this measure and emphatically agrees
3 with the importance of meningococcal vaccination among school and college students in
4 accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
5 (ACIP). DOH is willing and continues to collaborate with the Department of Education, Hawaii
6 Association of Independent Schools, the University of Hawaii, and other secondary and post-
7 secondary educational institutions, to assure our students and parents are informed about the
8 importance of vaccines. DOH strongly recommends that in addition to meningococcal disease
9 and vaccines, information on all vaccinations recommended for adolescents should be included
10 in any educational materials and campaigns intended for students and parents statewide.
11 According to ACIP, children between ages 11 and 12 years should also receive two additional
12 vaccines: human papillomavirus (HPV) and tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap), as
13 well as an annual influenza vaccine. Rather than focusing exclusively on meningococcal
14 vaccines, an approach that includes the promotion of all preteen and adolescent vaccinations is
15 consistent with current medical practice and national recommendations by ACIP, the American
16 Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).
- 17 The promotion of information regarding meningococcal disease and other vaccine-preventable
18 diseases has been a priority of DOH. DOH has coordinated several campaigns and educational

1 courses with partners to promote meningococcal and other vaccinations—for example, the
2 Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Course on January 10 and 11,
3 2017, in which CDC experts discussed various vaccine preventable diseases, including
4 meningococcal disease and vaccines.

5 The Department looks forward to continuing to work with Department of Education, Hawaii
6 Association of Independent Schools, the University of Hawaii, and other partners in education to
7 provide information and recommendations promoting the awareness of vaccines in the
8 prevention of disease.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Committee: Senate Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health

Department: Education

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Title of Resolution: SCR 157 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES TO PREVENT IT.

**Purpose of
Resolution:**

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 157. The Department will collaborate with the Department of Health to promote awareness of meningococcal disease and vaccine availability to parents/legal guardians and students..

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 157.