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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.



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**Testimony COMMENTING on SCR157
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SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SENATOR KAIALI'I KAHELE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Hearing Date: March 28, 2017

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- 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).

- 1 The promotion of information regarding meningococcal disease and other vaccine-preventable
- 2 diseases has been a priority of DOH. DOH has coordinated several campaigns and educational
- 3 courses with partners to promote meningococcal and other vaccinations—for example, the
- 4 Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Course on January 10 and 11,
- 5 2017, in which CDC experts discussed various vaccine preventable diseases, including
- 6 meningococcal disease and vaccines.

- 7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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By

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Chairs Kidani and Kahele and members of the committees:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports SCR 157 and will cooperate with the Department of Health to promote awareness of meningococcal disease and preventive vaccines among students.

The University recognizes that this is especially important for college students who live in residence halls, and, as an example of information provided to students, the University of Hawai'i Mānoa health clearance form sent to all entering students advises:

“The Meningococcal vaccine is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for college students, especially students who intend to live in the resident halls, as there is an increased risk of this highly contagious disease in the campus population. The newly available serogroup B Meningococcal vaccination should also be considered; please discuss with your health care provider.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.