
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS
WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN
ONGOING EFFORTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND MONITOR THE
IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION OF CHILDREN IN HAWAII AND
ENSURE THEIR SAFETY.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii recognizes the importance of
2 vaccine safety and that the health and safety of our keiki and
3 communities are of utmost importance today and for future
4 generations; and
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6 WHEREAS, recent conversations have encouraged direct
7 communications between the Department of Health and the Centers
8 for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the Vaccine Adverse
9 Event Reporting System which has led the Department of Health to
10 obtain numerical data about reported vaccine adverse events
11 specific to Hawaii; and
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13 WHEREAS, while the Department of Health did not
14 specifically know the number of vaccine adverse events reported
15 in Hawaii prior to conversations with the Centers for Disease
16 Control and Prevention, subsequent communications and discussion
17 has allowed the Department to gain a further understanding of
18 the specific data contained in the Vaccine Adverse Event
19 Reporting System database; and
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21 WHEREAS, the knowledge gained through communications
22 between the Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control
23 and Prevention has allowed the Department to increase its
24 understanding about reported vaccine adverse events in the
25 State; and
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27 WHEREAS, while the Department of Health actively encourages
28 medical professionals to use the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting
29 System, the Department also acknowledges the limitations of
30 self-reporting and will continue to encourage prompt and



1 accurate reporting of potential adverse incidents related to
2 vaccines in Hawaii so that more accurate and detailed data on
3 any adverse events related to vaccinations in Hawaii may be
4 collected; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2018, that the Department of Health is encouraged to continue
9 to communicate with the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention regarding immunization data specific to Hawaii,
11 particularly with regards to reports of any possible adverse
12 events related to vaccines, to better understand and monitor the
13 immunization and vaccination of children in Hawaii and ensure
14 their safety; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
17 requested to continue to advise health-care providers and
18 vaccine administrators to discuss vaccine information statements
19 with patients, parents, or guardians, in accordance with
20 applicable laws; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and the
24 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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