
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY INTO THE
FEASIBILITY OF PERMITTING MINORS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR
OLDER TO CONSENT TO RECEIVE A COVID-19 VACCINATION WITHOUT
CONSENT FROM THE MINOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

1 WHEREAS, vaccinating minors against the coronavirus disease
2 2019 (COVID-19) is vital to protecting their health and
3 promoting their ability to safely receive an in-person
4 education; and

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6 WHEREAS, on August 23, 2021, the United States Food and
7 Drug Administration granted full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech
8 COVID-19 vaccine to be administered to individuals sixteen years
9 of age or older; and

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11 WHEREAS, as of October 18, 2021, approximately 4,050,475
12 minors in the United States who are sixteen years of age or
13 older have been fully vaccinated; and

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15 WHEREAS, however, in Hawaii, only approximately 13,707
16 Hawaii residents in that age group have been vaccinated; and

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18 WHEREAS, San Francisco permits minors age twelve years or
19 older to consent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and

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21 WHEREAS, Arizona permits minors age eleven years or older
22 to consent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and

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24 WHEREAS, in five other states, minors ranging from at least
25 fourteen to sixteen years of age are authorized to consent to a
26 COVID-19 vaccination; and
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1 WHEREAS, at least four other states follow the mature minor
 2 doctrine, which permits minors to consent to receive health
 3 services if they are deemed mature enough to do so; and
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5 WHEREAS, permitting minors sixteen years of age or older to
 6 consent to receive a COVID-19 vaccination would increase
 7 statewide vaccination rates to a critical subgroup of the
 8 population and offer broader community-wide protection; now,
 9 therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 12 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 13 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
 14 requested to conduct a study into the feasibility of permitting
 15 minors sixteen years of age or older to receive a COVID-19
 16 vaccination without consent from the minor's parent or guardian;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 20 requested to submit a report of its findings and
 21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 22 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 23 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY:



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