
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAKE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS IMMUNIZATION AVAILABLE TO INDIGENT PATIENTS AND THROUGH THE TEEN VAX PROGRAM, AND URGING INSURERS TO OFFER HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS IMMUNIZATION TO FEMALE POLICYHOLDERS ELEVEN TO TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE.

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2 WHEREAS, infection with sexually transmitted human
3 papillomavirus is common in adult populations worldwide, and
4 research suggests that up to seventy-five per cent of women will
5 become infected with one or more of the sexually transmitted
6 human papillomavirus types at some point during adulthood; and
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8 WHEREAS, although most genital human papillomavirus
9 infections come and go without ever causing any symptoms,
10 lingering infections with a small subset of high-risk human
11 papillomavirus types can lead to the development of cervical
12 cancer; and
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14 WHEREAS, the current generation of preventive human
15 papillomavirus vaccines that are available target the two most
16 common high-risk human papillomavirus types that cause about
17 seventy per cent of all cervical cancer. These vaccines are
18 designed to elicit virus-neutralizing antibody responses that
19 prevent initial infection with the human papillomavirus types
20 represented in the vaccine; and
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22 WHEREAS, vaccination has been shown to offer one hundred
23 per cent protection against the development of cervical pre-
24 cancers and genital warts caused by the human papillomavirus
25 types in the vaccine, with few or no side effects, and the
26 protective effects of these vaccines are expected to last a
27 minimum of four and one-half years after the initial
28 vaccination; and
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1 WHEREAS, the development of human papillomavirus vaccines
2 offer a previously unavailable source of protection against one
3 of the most common and deadly types of cancer; in essence, a
4 human papillomavirus vaccine is a vaccine against cervical
5 cancer; and
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7 WHEREAS, by making human papillomavirus vaccinations more
8 widely available through public health programs and expanded
9 insurance coverage, the overall health of Hawaii's population
10 would be improved and the incidence of cervical cancer would be
11 reduced; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
16 Health is requested to include human papillomavirus immunization
17 among the services available to indigents and others; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
20 requested to include human papillomavirus immunization among the
21 vaccinations available in its Teen VAX Program; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that insurers providing health
24 coverage in the State are urged to offer coverage to female
25 policyholders eleven through twenty-six years of age, not as an
26 employer option or deductible, for immunization against human
27 papillomavirus for the policyholder and individuals covered
28 under the policy, contract, plan, or agreement; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
32 and to the Insurance Commissioner, who in turn is requested to
33 distribute copies to the chief executive officer of each major
34 insurer providing health coverage to policyholders or group
35 members in this State.
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