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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW THE STATE'S  
VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS AND DETERMINE WHETHER VACCINATION  
FOR PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE FOR CHILDREN ENTERING CHILD CARE  
SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE CURRENT LIST OF REQUIRED  
VACCINATIONS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii law requires children to meet physical  
2 examination and immunization requirements before attending any  
3 public school or child care facility in the State; and  
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5           WHEREAS, vaccinations are required for all children  
6 entering day care, preschool, kindergarten, and seventh grade,  
7 and for students entering school in Hawaii for the first time,  
8 regardless of age; and  
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10           WHEREAS, vaccination requirements for child care, day care,  
11 Head Start, and preschool include vaccinations for  
12 diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and  
13 rubella, hepatitis B, Haemophilus influenzae type b, and  
14 varicella (chicken pox); and  
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16           WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and  
17 Prevention, there has been a one hundred thirty-eight per cent  
18 increase in the incidence of pneumococcal disease in Hawaii  
19 between 1999 and 2003; and  
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21           WHEREAS, invasive pneumococcal disease is a group of life-  
22 threatening infections caused by the bacterium streptococcus  
23 pneumoniae, and includes bacterial meningitis, bacteremia,  
24 sepsis and bacteremic pneumonia; and  
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26           WHEREAS, vaccines remain the best defense available today  
27 against infectious diseases; and  
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29           WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
30 reports that although safe and efficacious vaccines are now  
31 available, thousands of children die or are hospitalized each  
32 year from vaccine-preventable diseases; and  
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