
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that infection with
2 sexually transmitted human papillomavirus is common in adult
3 populations worldwide. Research suggests that up to seventy-
4 five per cent of women will become infected with one or more of
5 the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus types at some
6 point during adulthood. Although most genital human
7 papillomavirus infections come and go without ever causing any
8 symptoms, lingering infections with a small subset of high-risk
9 papillomavirus types can lead to the development of cervical
10 cancer.

11 The current generation of preventive human papillomavirus
12 vaccines that are available target the two most common high-risk
13 human papillomavirus types that cause about seventy per cent of
14 all cervical cancer. The two vaccines that are currently
15 available, Gardasil and Cervarix, are designed to elicit virus-
16 neutralizing antibody responses that prevent initial infection
17 with the papillomavirus types represented in the vaccine. The
18 vaccines have been shown to offer one hundred per cent



1 protection against the development of cervical pre-cancers and
2 genital warts caused by the papillomavirus types in the vaccine,
3 with few or no side effects. The protective effects of these
4 vaccines are expected to last a minimum of 4.5 years after the
5 initial vaccination.

6 The development of human papillomavirus vaccines offer a
7 previously unavailable source of protection against one of the
8 most common and deadly types of cancer. In essence, a human
9 papillomavirus vaccine is a vaccine against cervical cancer.

10 The purpose of this Act to improve the overall health of
11 Hawaii's population and reduce the incidence of cervical cancer
12 by including human papillomavirus immunization among the
13 vaccinations in the department of health's teen vax program.

14 SECTION 2. Section 325-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§325-32 Immunization against infectious diseases.** The
17 department of health may adopt rules requiring and governing
18 immunization against typhoid fever, pertussis (whooping cough),
19 diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, hepatitis B,
20 rubella, haemophilus influenzae type B, human papillomavirus,
21 and any other communicable disease, if a suitable immunizing
22 agent is available for the disease and a need for immunization



1 against it exists within the State. The department may also
2 provide vaccines and other immunizing agents to private and
3 public health care providers for administration to the general
4 public."

5 SECTION 3. Section 325-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7 "(a) The department of health shall provide for the free
8 immunization and vaccination of indigent and medically indigent
9 persons and may provide such immunizations for others,
10 especially children, of high risk and susceptibility as may be
11 defined by the director through rules adopted pursuant to
12 chapter 91, for their protection against the types of diseases
13 that, in the discretion of the director, would be inimical to
14 the health and lives of persons who may contract these diseases,
15 including but not limited to diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus,
16 polio, typhoid, measles, mumps, rubella, haemophilus influenza
17 (systemic), hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, influenza, and
18 pneumococcal disease, and against other diseases for which
19 vaccines have and will have been developed in the future."

20 SECTION 4. The director of health shall include
21 immunization against human papillomavirus among the



1 immunizations available in the teen vax program, to be available
2 to females ages eleven through eighteen years of age.

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
6 sum of \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for
7 fiscal year 2008-2009, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of health.

10 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Description:

Includes human papillomavirus immunization in the teen vax program.

