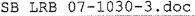
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that cancer is the most
- 2 costly illness in the United States. Cervical cancer is the
- 3 second most common cancer among women. In Hawaii, cervical
- 4 cancer is fatal in almost twenty per cent of the women diagnosed
- 5 with this illness.
- 6 The legislature also finds that cervical cancer is a fully
- 7 preventable disease, if pre-cancerous cell changes are detected
- 8 and treated early enough, and believes that education about
- 9 cervical cancer can be a significant factor in helping with
- 10 early detection of this illness.
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to allow the department of
- 12 health and the women's caucus of the legislature to disseminate
- 13 information about the causes and methods of prevention of
- 14 cervical cancer. In 2005, the women's caucus of the legislature
- 15 established a speakers' bureau to address several organizations
- 16 and clubs. The women's community correctional center also
- 17 allowed the women's caucus to address inmates. Volunteer
- 18 gynecologists provided technical advice to ensure the validity





- 1 of the information being disseminated. The appropriation in
- 2 this Act will allow the caucus to meet with neighbor island
- 3 women.
- Cervical cancer is on the verge of being eradicated in the 4
- United States due to the availability of new vaccines and 5
- increasing success in persuading women to avail themselves of 6
- 7 regular Pap smear and HIV tests. However, four thousand women a
- 8 year still die of this disease in the United States and two
- 9 hundred seventy thousand a year die globally.
- SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 10
- 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
- thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to allow 12
- the department of health and the women's caucus of the 13
- legislature to conduct a comprehensive educational media and 14
- 15 speaking campaign and pursue informational activities about the
- causes and prevention of cervical cancer in the State. 16
- The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 17
- 18 health for the purposes of this Act.
- SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007. 19

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Report Title:

Cervical Cancer; Education and Prevention; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates \$\frac{1}{2007-2008}\$ to the department of health and the women's caucus of the legislature to conduct a comprehensive educational media and speaking campaign about the causes and prevention of cervical cancer in the State.