

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 139

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 590

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 590
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACCINATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the overall health of
Hawaii's population and reduce the incidence of cervical cancer
by:

- (1) Requiring health insurance coverage for human
papillomavirus (HPV) immunizations; and
- (2) Including:
 - (A) HPV immunization among services available from the
Department of Health (DOH) to indigents and others;
and
 - (B) Papillomavirus immunization among the vaccinations
in DOH's teen vax program.

The Hawaii Medical Service Association, American Cancer
Society, Hawaii Women's Political Caucus, Hawaii Chapter of the
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, and several
concerned individuals supported this bill. DOH opposed this
measure. Kaiser Permanente submitted comments on this bill.

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Your Committee finds that recent breakthroughs in the fight against cancer should be provided to the public through public-private coordinated initiatives. However, a balance must be found that will allow for the most efficient methods of disseminating information to the greatest number of people about the availability of immunizations for HPV. Mandating procedures that may create undue burdens for organizations, such as requiring costly editing of informational literature or correspondence that currently provide information to the public, should be avoided.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 590 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



