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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND EDUCATION TO
COLLABORATE ON EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS ABOUT
THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE THAT CAN BE PROVIDED TO
PARENTS OF PUBLIC MIDDLE AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, according to the federal Centers for Disease
2 Control and Prevention, human papillomavirus is a very common
3 virus, with about 79,000,000 Americans currently infected and
4 about 14,000,000 people newly infected each year; and
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6 WHEREAS, human papillomavirus can cause cervical, vaginal,
7 and vulvar cancers in women; penile cancer in men; and anal
8 cancer, cancer of the throat, and genital warts in men and
9 women; and
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11 WHEREAS, the human papillomavirus vaccine is an important
12 vaccine that can protect against infection and the cancers
13 caused by human papillomavirus; and
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15 WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and
16 Prevention recommends the human papillomavirus vaccine for
17 preteen boys and girls at age eleven or twelve, so they are
18 protected prior to being exposed to the virus; and
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20 WHEREAS, the human papillomavirus vaccine also produces a
21 more robust immune response during the preteen years, which
22 could mean better protection for preteens who receive this
23 vaccine; and
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25 WHEREAS, according to the federal Centers for Disease
26 Control and Prevention, vaccination rates in Hawaii to protect
27 against human papillomavirus are relatively low, with only
28 thirty-four percent of women and fifteen percent of men in the
29 State being fully immunized; and
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1 WHEREAS, there is a need to increase public awareness about
 2 the human papillomavirus vaccine among parents and children;
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 5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
 6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
 7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Departments of
 8 Health and Education are requested to collaborate on educational
 9 information and materials about the human papillomavirus vaccine
 10 that can be provided to parents of public school children; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 13 requested to develop the information on human papillomavirus and
 14 produce educational information and materials for distribution,
 15 based on recommendations of the Advisory Committee on
 16 Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and
 17 Prevention; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the educational information and
 20 materials produced by the Department of Health are requested to
 21 be disseminated by the Department of Education during student
 22 orientation to parents of children who are attending public
 23 middle schools and public intermediate schools in Hawaii; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of Health and
 27 Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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