
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO
PREVENT THE STATEWIDE SPREAD OF SEASONAL INFLUENZA WITH
PRIORITY GIVEN TO HIGH-RISK ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN ASSISTED
LIVING FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, influenza, or the flu, is the most frequent cause
2 of death from a vaccine-preventable disease in the United
3 States; and

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5 WHEREAS, in 2018, the flu epidemic has been widespread and
6 has contributed to many deaths, particularly to those in high-
7 risk populations; and

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9 WHEREAS, influenza can be life-threatening for people aged
10 sixty-five years and older because they are more susceptible to
11 developing serious complications from the flu; and

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13 WHEREAS, it has been estimated that up to 70 percent of
14 seasonal flu-related hospitalizations and up to 85 percent of
15 seasonal flu-related deaths in the United States occur each year
16 in people aged sixty-five years and older; and

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18 WHEREAS, the most effective strategy for preventing
19 influenza is an annual vaccination and health officials
20 recommend routine vaccinations for persons at a higher risk for
21 influenza complications; and

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23 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State to
24 protect high-risk Hawaii residents against the potentially-
25 deadly influenza virus; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is requested to provide, by September 1 of each year, to each assisted living facility in the State, information on:

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and the Director of the Executive Office on Aging.

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