
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE INCIDENCES OF ADVERSE EFFECTS TO VACCINES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the active ingredient of a vaccine, i.e. the
2 particles that stimulate the immune system to produce anti-
3 bodies, makes up only one percent or less of the total
4 composition of the vaccine; and
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6 WHEREAS, the additional ingredients of vaccines can include
7 a combination of aluminum, human serum, sorbitol, antibiotics,
8 egg proteins, yeast protein, formaldehyde, human cell-lines,
9 genetically modified organisms, gelatin, bovine products and
10 emulsifiers; and
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12 WHEREAS, there are genetic, biological and environmental
13 differences in patients, making some individuals more
14 susceptible to adverse reactions to vaccine ingredients; and
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16 WHEREAS, certain vaccine-induced adverse effects can be
17 prevented if individuals are aware of all the ingredients
18 contained in each vaccine; and
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20 WHEREAS, the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, 42
21 U.S.C. Section 300aa-26, requires each vaccine administrator to
22 provide the Vaccine Information Statement for each vaccine to
23 the patients or their parents or guardians; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Vaccine Information Statements do not include
26 the ingredients contained in each vaccine; and
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28 WHEREAS, healthcare providers, including nurses and doctors
29 are not educated on the ingredients of vaccinations, nor are



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1 they specifically trained to recognize signs of adverse
2 reactions to these ingredients; and
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4 WHEREAS, healthcare providers are not given an ample supply
5 of product inserts, which contain a list of all the ingredients
6 in a vaccine and the possible adverse effects, to distribute to
7 patients, parents or guardians; and
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9 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention, routine vaccinations against measles, mumps, rubella
11 (MMR) and diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP) can cause
12 seizures, fevers over 105 degrees Fahrenheit, serious allergic
13 reactions, deafness, coma, or permanent brain damage, and the
14 recommended immunization schedule for children from birth to six
15 includes multiple doses of these vaccinations; and
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17 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
18 Prevention, flu vaccines can cause Guillain-Barre Syndrome,
19 which affects the nervous system through the destruction of the
20 myelin sheath, leading to paralysis or death, and flu vaccines
21 in combination with the routine DTaP and PCV13 immunizations
22 cause a higher risk of seizures among young children; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System has
25 been established by the federal government to collect self-
26 reported data on the prevalence and types of adverse reactions
27 to vaccines; and
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29 WHEREAS, the current estimate of actual reporting is
30 between one and ten percent, which places the national incidence
31 number between 400,000 and 4 million each year; and
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33 WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress and Supreme Court have removed
34 all liability from doctors who give vaccines and the drug
35 companies that sell them, rendering vaccines outside the reach
36 of product liability lawsuits; and
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38 WHEREAS, in order to provide safe vaccines and informed
39 practices, it is crucial to obtain more accurate and detailed
40 data on the adverse effects vaccinations may cause; now,
41 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health
 4 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are requested
 5 to conduct a study on the number and types of adverse reactions
 6 to vaccines and immunizations in the State of Hawaii in order to
 7 gather accurate statistics on this matter; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include:

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11 (1) Consideration of protocols for improving early
 12 recognition, identification, possible treatment, and reporting
 13 of adverse effects to vaccinations; and

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15 (2) Recommendations to improve the collection, use, and
 16 reporting of adverse effects to vaccinations by medical staff;
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19 (3) Recommendations to improve public education about
 20 possible adverse effects of vaccinations, including symptoms and
 21 preventative measures; and

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23 (4) Any other recommendations deemed relevant by the
 24 Department of Health or the Centers for Disease Control and
 25 Prevention to further the purpose of this measure; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and
 28 recommendations of the study be incorporated as feasible as part
 29 of a comprehensive plan to be developed by the Department of
 30 Health to combat vaccine injuries in the State; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 33 encouraged to aid in the prevention of vaccine injuries by
 34 creating more professional and public awareness around the
 35 extent and severity of vaccine injuries, how to recognize
 36 vaccine injury symptoms, and the reporting protocols for vaccine
 37 related adverse reactions; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 40 encouraged to remind all health-care providers and vaccine
 41 administrators to follow the current law and discuss all aspects
 42 of the Vaccine Information Statements with the patients,



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1 parents, or guardians, including the sections on serious
 2 reactions, the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Plan and the
 3 Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 6 urged to encourage healthcare providers to obtain informed
 7 consent by the patient, parent, or guardian before administering
 8 each individual vaccine; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and
 11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are requested to
 12 submit a report of findings and recommendations, including any
 13 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
 14 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
 18 and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
 19 Prevention.
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