
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE VOLUNTARY USE OF FLUORIDE SUPPLEMENTS BY CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND WHETHER THE VOLUNTARY TAKING OF FLUORIDE SUPPLEMENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, fluoridation of community water supplies is an
2 effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay; and

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4 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
5 Prevention, community water fluoridation is the most cost-
6 effective method of fluoride delivery to people of all ages,
7 education levels, and income levels in a community; and

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9 WHEREAS, many states in the United States place fluoride
10 additives in the public water supply which may skew national
11 fluoride intake and use recommendations as these recommendations
12 are based on national fluoride intake data; and

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14 WHEREAS, artificial water fluoridation, along with oral
15 health education and widespread use of fluoride toothpaste,
16 account for one of the probable reasons for the decline of tooth
17 decay prevalence in most industrialized countries; and

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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii does not have community water fluoridation,
20 increasing the likelihood of fluoride deficiency in the State's
21 pregnant female population and children; and

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23 WHEREAS, in regions with no community water fluoridation,
24 fluoride supplementation may provide an effective means of
25 increasing fluoride intake in both pregnant women and children;
26 and



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1 WHEREAS, if the taking of fluoride supplements provides the
 2 same systemic benefits of water fluoridation in areas without
 3 access to a fluoridated drinking water supply resulting in
 4 improved neonatal outcomes for pregnant women and improved oral
 5 hygiene and the lessening of tooth decay in children, Hawaii
 6 should determine if the voluntary use of fluoride
 7 supplementation for children and women who are pregnant should
 8 be stressed as a way to improve public health; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 11 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 12 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
 13 requested to conduct a study on the voluntary use of fluoride
 14 supplements by children and pregnant women in Hawaii to ensure
 15 that medical and dental standards for fluoride intake and use
 16 are based on conditions where local water supplies are not
 17 fluoridated, to assess the public health benefits of taking
 18 fluoride supplements, and to determine whether the taking of
 19 fluoride supplements should be encouraged by the State; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health shall
 22 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
 23 any necessary legislation, to the Legislature no later than
 24 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 25 2019; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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