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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN ONGOING EFFORTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND MONITOR THE IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION OF CHILDREN IN HAWAII AND ENSURE THEIR SAFETY.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii recognizes the importance of  
2 vaccine safety and that the health and safety of our keiki and  
3 communities are of utmost importance today and for future  
4 generations; and

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6           WHEREAS, recent conversations have encouraged direct  
7 communications between the Department of Health and the Centers  
8 for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the Vaccine Adverse  
9 Event Reporting System which has led the Department of Health to  
10 obtain numerical data about reported vaccine adverse events  
11 specific to Hawaii; and

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13           WHEREAS, while the Department of Health did not  
14 specifically know the number of vaccine adverse events reported  
15 in Hawaii prior to conversations with the Centers for Disease  
16 Control and Prevention, subsequent communications and discussion  
17 has allowed the Department to gain a further understanding of  
18 the specific data contained in the Vaccine Adverse Event  
19 Reporting System database; and

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21           WHEREAS, the knowledge gained through communications  
22 between the Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control  
23 and Prevention has allowed the Department to increase its  
24 understanding about reported vaccine adverse events in the  
25 State; and

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27           WHEREAS, while the Department of Health actively encourages  
28 medical professionals to use the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting  
29 System, the Department also acknowledges the limitations of  
30 self-reporting and will continue to encourage prompt and



1 accurate reporting of potential adverse incidents related to  
2 vaccines in Hawaii so that more accurate and detailed data on  
3 any adverse events related to vaccinations in Hawaii may be  
4 collected; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
8 of 2018, that the Department of Health is encouraged to continue  
9 to communicate with the Centers for Disease Control and  
10 Prevention regarding immunization data specific to Hawaii,  
11 particularly with regards to reports of any possible adverse  
12 events related to vaccines, to better understand and monitor the  
13 immunization and vaccination of children in Hawaii and ensure  
14 their safety; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
17 requested to continue to advise health-care providers and  
18 vaccine administrators to discuss vaccine information statements  
19 with patients, parents, or guardians, in accordance with  
20 applicable laws; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and the  
24 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
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