
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF PERMITTING MINORS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO CONSENT TO RECEIVE A COVID-19 VACCINATION WITHOUT CONSENT FROM THE MINOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

1 WHEREAS, vaccinating minors against the coronavirus disease
2 2019 (COVID-19) is vital to protecting their health and
3 promoting their ability to safely receive an in-person
4 education; and
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6 WHEREAS, on August 23, 2021, the United States Food and
7 Drug Administration granted full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech
8 COVID-19 vaccine to be administered to individuals sixteen years
9 of age or older; and
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11 WHEREAS, as of October 18, 2021, approximately 4,050,475
12 minors in the United States who are sixteen years of age or
13 older have been fully vaccinated; and
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15 WHEREAS, however, in Hawaii, only approximately 13,707
16 Hawaii residents in that age group have been vaccinated; and
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18 WHEREAS, San Francisco permits minors age twelve years or
19 older to consent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and
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21 WHEREAS, Arizona permits minors age eleven years or older
22 to consent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and
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24 WHEREAS, in five other states, minors ranging from at least
25 fourteen to sixteen years of age are authorized to consent to a
26 COVID-19 vaccination; and
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28 WHEREAS, at least four other states follow the mature minor
29 doctrine, which permits minors to consent to receive health
30 services if they are deemed mature enough to do so; and
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1 WHEREAS, permitting minors sixteen years of age or older to
2 consent to receive a COVID-19 vaccination would increase
3 statewide vaccination rates to a critical subgroup of the
4 population and offer broader community-wide protection; now,
5 therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2022, that the Department of Health is requested to conduct a
10 study into the feasibility of permitting minors sixteen years of
11 age or older to receive a COVID-19 vaccination without consent
12 from the minor's parent or guardian; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
15 requested to submit a report of its findings and
16 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY:



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