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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S DECISION TO JOIN THE WEST COAST HEALTH  
ALLIANCE TO GUIDE PUBLIC HEALTH DECISIONS.

1           WHEREAS, the State has historically demonstrated a strong  
2           commitment to protecting the health and safety of its residents  
3           through evidence-based policies and equitable access to health  
4           care; and

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6           WHEREAS, vaccines are among the most effective public  
7           health tool, protecting against serious illness and reducing  
8           community transmission and strain on the State's health care  
9           system; and

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11           WHEREAS, the State's high vaccination rates have  
12           contributed to maintaining one of the lowest mortality rates  
13           from infectious diseases in the nation, reflecting shared trust  
14           in science and collective responsibility to public health  
15           outcomes; and

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17           WHEREAS, the State's health care system continues to face  
18           challenges in public health, including workforce shortages,  
19           resource disparities between islands, and emerging public health  
20           threats; and

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22           WHEREAS, the West Coast Health Alliance provides a way for  
23           participating states to collaborate and develop science-based  
24           public health strategies, share data, and coordinate response to  
25           future health crises; and

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27           WHEREAS, the West Coast Health Alliance provides a platform  
28           for regional cooperation while recognizing each state's unique  
29           geography, laws, histories, and populations; and

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31           WHEREAS, participation in the West Coast Health Alliance  
32           affirms the State's commitment to promote clear, evidence-based



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1 guidance and policies informed by trusted medical and scientific  
2 experts; and

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4 WHEREAS, this collaboration strengthens public confidence  
5 in vaccines, public health institutions, and health directives  
6 through transparent communication and shared scientific  
7 principles; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports the  
12 Governor's decision to join the West Coast Health Alliance to  
13 guide public health decisions; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body remains committed to  
16 public health policies informed by the most current guidance and  
17 scientific consensus from trusted professional expertise and  
18 national medical organizations; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governors of  
22 California, Oregon, and Washington, Governor, and Director of  
23 Health.

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