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SENATE 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
33 guidance and policies informed by trusted medical and scientific
34 experts; and

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1 WHEREAS, this collaboration strengthens public confidence
2 in vaccines, public health institutions, and health directives
3 through transparent communication and shared scientific
4 principles; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
8 that this body supports the Governor's decision to join the West
9 Coast Health Alliance to guide public health decisions; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body remains committed to
12 public health policies informed by the most current guidance and
13 scientific consensus from trusted professional expertise and
14 national medical organizations; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governors of California,
18 Oregon, and Washington, Governor, and Director of Health.

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