
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL
EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE CERVICAL CANCER.

1 WHEREAS, the dedicated and combined efforts of medical
2 researchers are finding the causes and cures of the many types
3 of cancer that besiege us; and
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5 WHEREAS, scientists have found that cervical and related
6 cancers and genital warts are caused by a virus - the human
7 papilloma virus (HPV); and
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9 WHEREAS, in a few cases, men are susceptible to related
10 cancers caused by the human papilloma virus; and
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12 WHEREAS, human papilloma virus is contracted through skin
13 to skin contact and sexual transmission; and
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15 WHEREAS, abnormal cells that lead to cervical cancer can
16 often be identified by Pap tests given during cervical
17 examination and can be confirmed by human papilloma virus tests;
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20 WHEREAS, although ninety-four per cent of women in Hawaii
21 have had cervical screening, by ramping up educational efforts
22 to encourage all women to get regular examinations, cancers can
23 be diagnosed at earlier stages and successfully treated; and
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25 WHEREAS, cervical examinations are covered by health
26 insurers, health maintenance organizations, Medicaid, and
27 Medicare, so cost is not a large factor in this preventive
28 measure; and
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30 WHEREAS, a vaccine is now available that is one hundred per
31 cent effective in preventing disease from high risk types of

1 human papilloma virus that account for seventy per cent of all
2 cervical cancer; and

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4 WHEREAS, a few states now require girls to receive cervical
5 cancer vaccines prior to attending middle school, and the 2008
6 Legislature passed a resolution requesting the Department of
7 Health to outline the pros and cons of such a program in Hawaii;
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Health can ramp up its current
11 efforts to expand education about the causes, cures and
12 prevention of cervical cancer, and to encourage all women to get
13 regular pap and human papilloma virus tests; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
18 requested to expand its educational programs to increase
19 cervical screening and awareness by both men and all women, in
20 particular, and suggest new and innovative measures to better
21 disseminate information in order to prevent, and eventually
22 eradicate, cervical and related cancers - a dreaded disease; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the director of Health.