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.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, while the Department of Health actively encourages medical professionals to use the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, the Department also acknowledges the limitations of self-reporting and will continue to encourage prompt and
accurate reporting of potential adverse incidents related to
vaccines in Hawaii so that more accurate and detailed data on
any adverse events related to vaccinations in Hawaii may be
collected; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
of 2018, that the Department of Health is encouraged to continue
to communicate with the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention regarding immunization data specific to Hawaii,
particularly with regards to reports of any possible adverse
events related to vaccines, to better understand and monitor the
immunization and vaccination of children in Hawaii and ensure
their safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
requested to continue to advise health-care providers and
vaccine administrators to discuss vaccine information statements
with patients, parents, or guardians, in accordance with
applicable laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and the
Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.