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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that cancer is the most  
2 costly illness in the United States. Cervical cancer is the  
3 second most common cancer among women. In Hawaii, cervical  
4 cancer is fatal in almost twenty per cent of the women diagnosed  
5 with this illness.

6           The legislature also finds that cervical cancer is a fully  
7 preventable disease, if pre-cancerous cell changes are detected  
8 and treated early enough, and believes that education about  
9 cervical cancer can be a significant factor in helping with  
10 early detection of this illness.

11           The purpose of this Act is to allow the department of  
12 health and the women's caucus of the legislature to disseminate  
13 information about the causes and methods of prevention of  
14 cervical cancer. In 2005, the women's caucus of the legislature  
15 established a speakers' bureau to address several organizations  
16 and clubs. The women's community correctional center also  
17 allowed the women's caucus to address inmates. Volunteer  
18 gynecologists provided technical advice to ensure the validity



1 of the information being disseminated. The appropriation in  
2 this Act will allow the caucus to meet with neighbor island  
3 women.

4 Cervical cancer is on the verge of being eradicated in the  
5 United States due to the availability of new vaccines and  
6 increasing success in persuading women to avail themselves of  
7 regular Pap smear and HIV tests. However, four thousand women a  
8 year still die of this disease in the United States and two  
9 hundred seventy thousand a year die globally.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to allow  
13 the department of health and the women's caucus of the  
14 legislature to conduct a comprehensive educational media and  
15 speaking campaign and pursue informational activities about the  
16 causes and prevention of cervical cancer in the State.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
18 health for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Cervical Cancer; Education and Prevention; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates \$            in FY 2007-2008 to the department of health and the women's caucus of the legislature to conduct a comprehensive educational media and speaking campaign about the causes and prevention of cervical cancer in the State.

