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S.R. NO. 105

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO RELOCATE, IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER, THE PROPOSED NEW CANCER RESEARCH CENTER OF HAWAII FROM THE KAKAAKO DISTRICT OF OAHU TO A SITE NEAR THE CENTER'S PRESENT LOCATION CLOSE TO THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.

1 WHEREAS, the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii is a research
2 unit of the University of Hawaii that was established by the
3 Board of Regents as a freestanding independent institute in 1981
4 and whose mission is to reduce the burden of cancer through
5 research, education, and service with an emphasis on the unique
6 ethnic, cultural, and environmental characteristics of Hawaii
7 and the Pacific; and

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9 WHEREAS, on March 30, 2005, the University of Hawaii board
10 of regents authorized the University's administration to
11 formalize a comprehensive real estate agreement with Townsend
12 Capital, LLC and Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership, an
13 architectural firm with significant experience designing cancer
14 centers, to design, build, finance, and manage construction of
15 the new \$200,000,000 Cancer Research Center of Hawaii in the
16 Kakaako district of Oahu; and

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18 WHEREAS, the plans envision that the Center will be
19 approximately three hundred sixty thousand square feet in size
20 and built on a vacant 5.5 acre site owned by the Hawaii
21 Community Development Authority, the state agency responsible
22 for the redevelopment of Kakaako, and will include research
23 laboratories, an outpatient clinic for cancer and ancillary
24 services, physicians' offices, and a parking structure; and

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26 WHEREAS, there is concern, however, that the proposed
27 location for the new Cancer Research Center of Hawaii is
28 seriously flawed for a variety of reasons:

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30 (1) The proposed location of the Center in the Kakaako
31 district lies within a known flood and tsunami zone;

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- 1 (2) The proposed location would seriously interfere with
- 2 the passenger and cargo operations of the adjacent
- 3 Pier 1 and Pier 2 on the waterfront;
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- 5 (3) The proposed site is relatively inaccessible to all,
- 6 including patients, compared to a location closer to
- 7 the Center's present location, which is near numerous
- 8 hospital and medical facilities and is centrally
- 9 located near major bus lines; and
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- 11 (4) The University of Hawaii has requested numerous
- 12 extensions from the Hawaii Community Development
- 13 Authority on this project and has not provided the
- 14 Authority with requested status reports; and
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16 WHEREAS, property next to the City and County of Honolulu
 17 Board of Water Supply near the Queen's Hospital campus has been
 18 mentioned as a potential site for the new Cancer Research Center
 19 of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
 22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
 23 that the University of Hawaii and the Hawaii Community
 24 Development Authority are requested to take all necessary steps
 25 to relocate, in an expeditious manner, the proposed new Cancer
 26 Research Center of Hawaii from the Kakaako district of Oahu to a
 27 site near the Center's present location close to the Queen's
 28 Hospital; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 31 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 32 Regents of the University of Hawaii, the President of the
 33 University of Hawaii, the Executive Director and the Chairperson
 34 of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, the Director of
 35 the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, the Governor, and the
 36 Director of Health.

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