
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT FEDERAL FUNDING BE PROVIDED TO THE CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO ESTABLISH A CHRONIC
OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a
2 progressive disease characterized by a long-lasting obstruction
3 of the airways that occurs with chronic bronchitis, emphysema,
4 or both; and

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6 WHEREAS, COPD affects as many as ten percent of the world's
7 population of people older than 40 years of age and is the
8 fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

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10 WHEREAS, to date, there is no cure for COPD; and

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12 WHEREAS, the federal Division of Adult and Community Health
13 (DACH) is charged with managing programs that provide cross-
14 cutting chronic disease and health promotion expertise and
15 support to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
16 (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health
17 Promotion, and the states, communities, and other partners; and

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19 WHEREAS, DACH also manages several important and high-
20 profile chronic disease prevention and control programs for
21 specific chronic diseases, and is charged with assessing new and
22 emerging chronic disease issues and launching new programs for
23 the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and
24 Health Promotion; and

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26 WHEREAS, currently, there is no funded comprehensive
27 national program on COPD with information, research, and a
28 module of surveillance questions at the CDC; and

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30 WHEREAS, the creation of a funded CDC comprehensive
31 national program including all stakeholders for COPD will enable
32 information on the potentially debilitating disease to be



1 centralized and coordinated, and lead to better sharing of key
2 information; and

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4 WHEREAS, more research, funding, and coordinated efforts
5 will lead to better and more effective treatments for COPD; now,
6 therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that appropriate federal funding
11 be provided for the CDC to establish a COPD comprehensive
12 national program (which includes a module of surveillance
13 questions), to provide COPD information and research, and to
14 coordinate efforts toward better and more effective treatments
15 for COPD; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of the
19 Hawaii congressional delegation, Director of the Centers for
20 Disease Control and Prevention, and Director of the Division of
21 Adult and Community Health.

