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# HOUSE 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  
33 centralized and coordinated, and lead to better sharing of key  
34 information; and



1 WHEREAS, more research, funding, and coordinated efforts  
2 will lead to better and more effective treatments for COPD; now,  
3 therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2009, that appropriate federal funding be provided for the  
8 CDC to establish a COPD comprehensive national program (which  
9 includes a module of surveillance questions), to provide COPD  
10 information and research, and to coordinate efforts toward  
11 better and more effective treatments for COPD; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawaii  
15 congressional delegation, Director of the Centers for Disease  
16 Control and Prevention, and Director of the Division of Adult  
17 and Community Health.

