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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION  
ESTABLISH A CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, is  
2 a progressive disease characterized by a long-lasting  
3 obstruction of the airways that occurs with chronic bronchitis,  
4 emphysema, or both; and  
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6           WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease affects as  
7 many as ten per cent of the world's population older than forty  
8 years of age and is the fourth leading cause of death in the  
9 United States; and  
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11           WHEREAS, to date, there is no cure for chronic obstructive  
12 pulmonary disease; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the federal Division of Adult and Community Health  
15 (DACH) is charged with managing programs that provide cross-  
16 cutting chronic disease and health promotion expertise and  
17 support to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's  
18 (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health  
19 Promotion, and the states, communities, and other partners; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Division of Adult and Community Health also  
22 manages several important and high-profile chronic disease  
23 prevention and control programs for specific chronic diseases,  
24 and is charged with assessing new and emerging chronic disease  
25 issues and launching new programs for the Centers for Disease  
26 Control and Prevention's National Center for Chronic Disease  
27 Prevention and Health Promotion; and  
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29           WHEREAS, currently, there is no funded comprehensive  
30 national program on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with  
31 information and research, and a module at the Centers for  
32 Disease Control and Prevention; and  
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34           WHEREAS, the creation of a funded Centers for Disease  
35 Control and Prevention comprehensive national program (including  
36 a module of surveillance questions) for chronic obstructive

1 pulmonary disease that includes all stakeholders will enable  
2 information on the potentially debilitating disease to be  
3 centralized and coordinated, leading to better sharing of key  
4 information and more research and funding for better and  
5 effective treatments; now, therefore,  
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
9 that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is  
10 respectfully requested to establish and provide appropriate  
11 funding for a national chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  
12 program, that includes a module of surveillance questions, for  
13 information and research on effective treatments for the  
14 disease; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawaii  
18 congressional delegation, the Director of the Centers for  
19 Disease Control and Prevention, and the Director of the Division  
20 of Adult and Community Health.