
HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CANCER RESEARCH CENTER OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii was
2 established by the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii
3 in 1981; and
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5 WHEREAS, the mission of the Cancer Research Center of
6 Hawaii is to reduce the burden of cancer through research,
7 education, and outreach, with an emphasis on the unique ethnic,
8 cultural, and environmental characteristics of Hawaii and the
9 Pacific; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii is a research
12 unit of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and currently
13 employs two hundred eighty people, of whom thirty-four are
14 core faculty; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii currently
17 conducts more than one hundred research projects in four
18 programs: epidemiology, with a focus on nutrition,
19 biostatistics, and genetics; natural products, which includes
20 chemistry, cell/molecular biology, botany, biochemistry,
21 immunology, and pharmacology; prevention and control, which
22 focuses on clinical aspects of cancer and the reduction of
23 incidence through interventions; and carcinogenesis, which
24 examines how environmental and chemical carcinogens, viruses,
25 and genetics interact; and
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27 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1,300,000 people in the
28 United States will be diagnosed with cancer this year and in
29 Hawaii, approximately five thousand men and women are diagnosed
30 with the disease each year; and
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32 WHEREAS, in November 2009, the University of Hawaii at
33 Manoa announced plans to build a new cancer research facility in
34 Kakaako, with construction expected to begin in 2010; and
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1 WHEREAS, since 1996, the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii
2 has been a designated cancer center of the National Cancer
3 Institute and must meet strict standards to receive designation
4 and support; and

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6 WHEREAS, the distinction of being a designated cancer
7 center of the National Cancer Institute recognizes a cancer
8 center's scientific excellence and capability to integrate a
9 diversity of research approaches to focus on the problem of
10 cancer; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii is one of
13 only sixty-five National Cancer Institute designated centers in
14 the United States, and is the only designated cancer center in
15 Hawaii; and

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17 WHEREAS, four years ago, the National Cancer Institute
18 recommended that the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii expand its
19 capacity to house more researchers and physicians; this
20 recommendation will be addressed with the construction of the
21 new facility; and

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23 WHEREAS, the unique and varied ethnic composition of the
24 State presents researchers with opportunities to decrease the
25 burden of cancer in high-risk groups, and to develop novel
26 preventative and clinical strategies for the people of Hawaii;
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29 WHEREAS, the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii will work in
30 consortium composed of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's John
31 A. Burns School of Medicine, the Queen's Medical Center, Hawaii
32 Pacific Health, and other hospitals to offer patients the latest
33 cancer therapies and clinical trials that would not otherwise be
34 available; and

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36 WHEREAS, a cutting edge research facility will help attract
37 and retain top tier researchers; foster synergy and innovation
38 between physicians, researchers, and students; and increase
39 space and resource efficiencies, while bringing to the State
40 \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 in grant funding annually; and

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42 WHEREAS, the unique geographical location of Hawaii makes
43 it imperative for the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii to
44 maintain its National Cancer Institute designation, ensuring



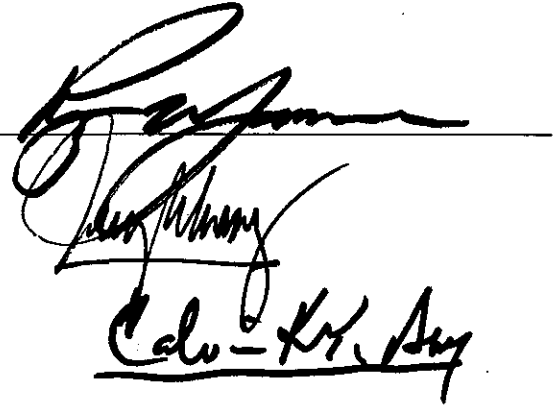
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1 that the residents of Hawaii have access to the most current
 2 therapeutic options and clinical trials close to home; now,
 3 therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 7 of 2010, that this body expresses strong support for the Cancer
 8 Research Center of Hawaii; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the National Cancer
 12 Institute, the President of the University of Hawaii System, the
 13 Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the
 14 Director of the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii.
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