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March 9, 2010

Committee on Health
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

Committee on Higher Education
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair

Hearing:

2:25 P.M. Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016

RE: HCR18 – Expressing Support for the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii

Testimony in Strong Support

Chair Ige, Chair Tokuda, and members of the Committees of Health, and Higher Education. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this resolution, which expresses support for the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii.

For the past 62 years, the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc. has been dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering caused by cancer, through education, advocacy, and research. Due to research, we have made much progress in this battle.

Contributing to this progress has been the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, and its ongoing research in Epidemiology, Natural Products & Cancer Biology, Prevention & Control, and Thoracic Oncology. This research has greatly benefited Hawaii's people, our Pacific island nation neighbors, and the Territory of Guam.

On January 30, 2010, our Board of Directors unanimously adopted a resolution fully supporting Dr. Michele Carbone and his collaborative efforts to revitalize the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii.

In closing I would like to say that the American Cancer Society has enjoyed a cordial working relationship with the Cancer Research Center and we look forward to further collaborations in the future. It is only by working together that we will be able to win the battle against cancer.

Mahalo for giving us the opportunity to offer testimony here today in strong support of HCR18.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Clothier".

Tina Clothier
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**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 30, 2010**

WHEREAS, the Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i (CRCH) of the University of Hawai'i is the NCI-designated center for cancer research serving Hawai'i and the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Michele Carbone, MD, PhD, has recently been appointed as the Director of the CRCH; and

WHEREAS, Dr Carbone has initiated efforts to create a consortium which addresses the statewide needs of Hawai'i's people; and

WHEREAS, partners in this consortium include the Queen's Medical Center, Hawai'i Pacific Health, and Kuakini Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine is enthusiastically supportive of this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the neighbor islands welcome this new effort to reach out beyond the confines of O'ahu.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc. unanimously supports Dr Michele Carbone in his efforts to revitalize the Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society Hawai'i Pacific, Inc. strongly recommends that the National Cancer Institute extend the core grant (P-30) to the University of Hawai'i through 2011 because the Board is confident that the Cancer Research Center will be successful in its re-application under the new leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the National Cancer Institute, the University of Hawai'i, and the Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i.

Dated at Honolulu, Hawai'i, this 30th day of January, 2010.

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