



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 look forward to further collaboration in the future. It is only by working together that we will 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 black ink that reads "Tina Clothier".

Tina Clothier
Chief Staff Officer for Organization & Development