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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO PARTICIPATE IN "LIGHT THE STATE  
CAPITOL BLUE" DURING A PORTION OF THE 2013 REGULAR SESSION.

1 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a form of cancer that develops  
2 in the prostate, a gland in the male reproductive system; and  
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4 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second most common cause of  
5 male cancer-related death in the United States; and  
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7 WHEREAS, an estimated eight hundred men will be diagnosed  
8 with prostate cancer and one hundred ten men will die of  
9 prostate cancer in Hawaii during 2013; and  
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11 WHEREAS, although the incident and mortality rate of  
12 prostate cancer in men is comparable to that of breast cancer in  
13 women, prostate cancer receives far less national and local  
14 attention; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that men of  
17 all ages be provided with sufficient information about the  
18 benefits and limitations of prostate cancer testing and early  
19 detection to allow them to make a decision based on their  
20 personal values and preferences; and  
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22 WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of prostate cancer is  
23 essential to prostate cancer prevention and early treatment  
24 because such awareness encourages men and families to learn  
25 about prostate cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment  
26 options; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the color blue is associated with prostate cancer,  
29 similar to the association of pink with breast cancer; and  
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31 WHEREAS, on August 31, 2012, President Barack Obama issued  
32 a Presidential Proclamation proclaiming September 2012 as  
33 "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" and encouraged all  
34 citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit  
35 organizations, and other groups to participate in activities  
36 increasing prostate cancer awareness and prevention; and



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2 WHEREAS, on August 3, 2001, the United States Senate  
3 unanimously agreed to Senate Resolution No. 138, designating the  
4 month of September 2001 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness  
5 Month," to promote the education and the awareness of prostate  
6 cancer; and

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8 WHEREAS, on August 28, 2012, Governor Neil Abercrombie and  
9 Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz proclaimed September 2012 as  
10 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Hawaii and encouraged the  
11 people of the Aloha State to support men who suffer from  
12 prostate cancer and encouraged others to take advantage of early  
13 detection screening opportunities; and

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15 WHEREAS, during September 2012, the Department of  
16 Accounting and General Services permitted a banner to be  
17 displayed on the state capitol grounds that encouraged men to  
18 speak with their physicians about prostate cancer; and

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20 WHEREAS, on August 15, 2012, the Honolulu City Council  
21 unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-174, requesting the City  
22 Administration to participate in the Hawaii Prostate Cancer  
23 Coalition's initiative to "Light Honolulu Hale Blue;" and

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25 WHEREAS, during September 2012, Honolulu Hale was lit blue;  
26 now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,  
30 that the Department of Accounting and General Services is  
31 requested to participate in the Hawaii Prostate Cancer  
32 Coalition's initiative "Light the State Capitol Blue" during a  
33 portion of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is requested to  
36 permit a banner encouraging men to speak to their physicians  
37 about prostate cancer to be hung on the state capitol grounds  
38 during the month of September 2013; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
3 and the Comptroller.  
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