

JAN 25 2017

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

1 WHEREAS, more than six thousand Hawaii residents are
2 diagnosed yearly with an invasive form of cancer, and in 2016
3 there were over fifty-eight thousand Hawaii residents living
4 with cancer, including those newly diagnosed and those diagnosed
5 with invasive cancer in the past; and

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7 WHEREAS, advancements in medical technology have led to
8 increased survival rates and longer life expectancy for those
9 diagnosed with cancer; and

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11 WHEREAS, the costs of treating cancer continue to escalate,
12 and a cancer diagnosis often leads to exorbitant medical fees;
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15 WHEREAS, the financial burden of cancer, along with the
16 physical and mental toll that accompanies a diagnosis, afflicts
17 thousands of Hawaii families every day; and

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19 WHEREAS, this body has consistently supported quality
20 health care for all, as evidenced by such laws as the Hawaii
21 Prepaid Health Care Act; and

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23 WHEREAS, this body declares that financial assistance for
24 cancer patients and their families is an integral component of
25 our commitment to support quality health care for all people of
26 Hawaii; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports
31 providing financial assistance for individuals and families who
32 have difficulty paying for cancer-related health care costs and



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1 urges the Governor to support the establishment of a financial
2 assistance program for cancer patients and their families; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body take all steps
5 necessary to provide sufficient funds to establish a financial
6 assistance program for cancer patients and their families; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, and
11 Director of Health.
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