

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2049
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2049, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER RESEARCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
University of Hawaii Cancer Center to determine the reasons that
Hawaii has the highest incidence of liver and bile duct cancer in
the country.

The University of Hawaii Cancer Center, Oahu County Committee
on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i,
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, and numerous
concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring that the
appropriation be matched on a one-to-one basis by federal funds.

Although the intent of this measure is laudable, your
Committee is concerned that the appropriation request did not flow
through the regular channels of governance at the University of
Hawaii. However, because this study has been afforded private
grant opportunities, it is worthy of state support and requiring a
one-to-one matching requirement from federal funds would augment



the moneys appropriated by this measure. Your Committee further notes that the proponents of this measure may wish to work to include the appropriation contained in this measure in the Executive Supplemental Budget instead.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2049, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2049, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



