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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANCER RESEARCH CENTER OF HAWAII AT  
KAKAAKO.

1           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii's (UH's) Cancer Research  
2 Center of Hawaii (Center) is one of 61 National Cancer Institute  
3 (NCI)-designated cancer centers in the United States; and  
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5           WHEREAS, NCI designation is a highly coveted distinction,  
6 awarded after a rigorous review of the breadth, depth, and  
7 quality of a center's research programs; and  
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9           WHEREAS, NCI-designated cancer centers include large and  
10 well-known facilities such as the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in  
11 Houston and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in  
12 Seattle, as well as other entities that can be considered peers  
13 of UH, such as the Universities of Alabama, Nebraska, and New  
14 Mexico; and  
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16           WHEREAS, NCI-designated centers have become magnets for  
17 cancer research funding, and collectively receive two-thirds of  
18 all NCI research grants and contracts; and  
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20           WHEREAS, NCI-designated centers with a clinical care  
21 component represent the centers of excellence for cancer care in  
22 the regions they serve due to the high quality of their faculty  
23 and their access to innovative clinical trials and transitional  
24 research protocols; and  
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26           WHEREAS, our state, with its rapidly increasing aging  
27 population, will be faced with an ever-growing number of cancer  
28 patients in the foreseeable future: currently there are  
29 approximately 5,500 new cancer cases in Hawaii each year, and  
30 the numbers are estimated to double by the year 2030; and



1           WHEREAS, the UH Board of Regents has approved the  
2 construction of new facilities for the Center adjacent to the  
3 John A. Burns School of Medicine in Kakaako to provide expanded  
4 facilities for research programs and to house a state-of-the-art  
5 cancer care facility; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the 2006 Legislature, recognizing the importance  
8 of state support for the Center, directed a portion of the state  
9 tax on cigarettes to be deposited into the Hawaii Cancer  
10 Research Special Fund for the Center's research and operating  
11 expenses; and  
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13           WHEREAS, key participants in the region, including those  
14 involved in cancer care, cancer research, and clinical trials,  
15 have spent considerable time and effort in planning for the  
16 development of the Center; now, therefore,  
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18           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of  
21 Hawaii and supporting members of the community are urged to move  
22 forward as expeditiously as possible to implement the plans that  
23 have been developed for construction of the Cancer Research  
24 Center of Hawaii at Kakaako; and  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
28 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the President of the  
29 University of Hawaii, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii  
30 at Manoa, and the Vice President for Research of the University  
31 of Hawaii.  
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