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SENATE 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
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32 WHEREAS, the UH Board of Regents has approved the
33 construction of new facilities for the Center adjacent to the
34 John A. Burns School of Medicine in Kakaako to provide expanded



1 facilities for research programs and to house a state-of-the-art
2 cancer care facility; and

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4 WHEREAS, the 2006 Legislature, recognizing the importance
5 of state support for the Center, directed a portion of the state
6 tax on cigarettes to be deposited into the Hawaii Cancer
7 Research Special Fund for the Center's research and operating
8 expenses; and

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10 WHEREAS, key participants in the region, including those
11 involved in cancer care, cancer research, and clinical trials,
12 have spent considerable time and effort in planning for the
13 development of the Center; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
17 that the University of Hawaii and supporting members of the
18 community are urged to move forward as expeditiously as possible
19 to implement the plans that have been developed for construction
20 of the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii at Kakaako; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the University
24 of Hawaii Board of Regents, the President of the University of
25 Hawaii, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and
26 the Vice President for Research of the University of Hawaii.

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29 OFFERED BY: *Russell Kohl*

