
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
ESTABLISH A CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, is
2 a progressive disease characterized by a long-lasting
3 obstruction of the airways that occurs with chronic bronchitis,
4 emphysema, or both; and
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6 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease affects as
7 many as ten per cent of the world's population older than forty
8 years of age and is the fourth leading cause of death in the
9 United States; and
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11 WHEREAS, to date, there is no cure for chronic obstructive
12 pulmonary disease; and
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14 WHEREAS, the federal Division of Adult and Community Health
15 (DACH) is charged with managing programs that provide cross-
16 cutting chronic disease and health promotion expertise and
17 support to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
18 (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health
19 Promotion, and the states, communities, and other partners; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Division of Adult and Community Health also
22 manages several important and high-profile chronic disease
23 prevention and control programs for specific chronic diseases,
24 and is charged with assessing new and emerging chronic disease
25 issues and launching new programs for the Centers for Disease
26 Control and Prevention's National Center for Chronic Disease
27 Prevention and Health Promotion; and
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29 WHEREAS, currently, there is no funded comprehensive
30 national program on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with
31 information and research, and a module at the Centers for
32 Disease Control and Prevention; and
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1 WHEREAS, the creation of a funded Centers for Disease
2 Control and Prevention comprehensive national program (including
3 a module of surveillance questions) for chronic obstructive
4 pulmonary disease that includes all stakeholders will enable
5 information on the potentially debilitating disease to be
6 centralized and coordinated, leading to better sharing of key
7 information and more research and funding for better and
8 effective treatments; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Centers for
13 Disease Control and Prevention is respectfully requested to
14 establish and provide appropriate funding for a national chronic
15 obstructive pulmonary disease program, that includes a module of
16 surveillance questions, for information and research on
17 effective treatments for the disease; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of the
21 Hawaii congressional delegation, the Director of the Centers for
22 Disease Control and Prevention, and the Director of the Division
23 of Adult and Community Health.