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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CANCER.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the university of  
2 Hawaii cancer center is one of seventy-one National Cancer  
3 Institute-designated cancer centers in the United States. It is  
4 the only center in Hawaii and the Pacific region. The  
5 legislature also finds that the university of Hawaii cancer  
6 center reduces the burden of cancer through research, education,  
7 patient care, and community outreach, with an emphasis on the  
8 unique ethnic, cultural, and environmental characteristics of  
9 Hawaii and the Pacific region.

10           Cancer incidence and mortality rates have decreased in  
11 Hawaii over the last decade, but despite this overall reduction,  
12 the disparities between ethnic populations continue to be of  
13 concern. Native Hawaiians continue to have the highest cancer  
14 incidence and mortality rates among men and women, including  
15 higher incidences of breast and ovarian cancers. Similarly,  
16 Filipino women have the highest incidences of ovarian and  
17 thyroid cancer. The legislature finds that cancer research



1 focusing on Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos  
2 is a matter of statewide concern and is unique to Hawaii and the  
3 university of Hawaii cancer center and thus cannot be easily  
4 conducted anywhere else in the world.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
6 university of Hawaii cancer center for a multiethnic cohort  
7 study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles,  
8 environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native  
9 Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
13 the university of Hawaii cancer center to conduct a multiethnic  
14 cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health,  
15 lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of  
16 Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of  
18 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
20 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
21 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the



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1 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state  
 2 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
 3 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the  
 4 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
 5 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
 6 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total  
 7 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
 8 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
 9 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
 10 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
 11 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 12 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
- 13 serve the public interest; and
- 14 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
- 15 addressed by this Act.

16 SECTION 4. The university of Hawaii cancer center shall  
 17 seek federal funding, in addition to the funds appropriated by  
 18 this Act, to complete the multiethnic cohort study identified in  
 19 section 2 of this Act.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos. Requires the Cancer Center to seek federal funding to complete the study.

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