

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1300
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1300
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawai'i 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, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living in close proximity to landfills in Nanakuli, Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; University of Hawai'i Cancer Center; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; The Queen's Health Systems; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Iron Workers Stabilization Fund; Lou's Quality Home Health Care Services, LLC; Advanced Care Training, LLC; Philippine Nurses Association; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that while cancer incidences and mortality rates have decreased in Hawaii over the last decade, disparities between ethnic populations continues to be an area of

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concern, particularly with Native Hawaiians, who experience higher incidences of breast and ovarian cancers, and Filipino women, who experience higher incidences of ovarian and thyroid cancers. Your Committee believes that there is a need to identify the root causes of these disparities, including determining health risks associated with living in close proximity to certain environmental hazards and exposures like county and private waste landfills.

Your Committee further finds that the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center is one of seventy-one National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers in the United States and the only center in the Hawaii and Pacific region, which allows the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center to conduct research that cannot be easily conducted anywhere else in the world. This measure is intended to address concerning health disparities by appropriating funds to enable the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center to conduct vital cancer research focusing on Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$500,000 for each year of the fiscal biennium.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1300, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1300, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



GREG TAKAYAMA, Chair



