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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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 are no chronic obstructive
30 pulmonary disease information and research modules at the
31 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

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33 WHEREAS, the creation of a chronic obstructive pulmonary
34 disease module within the Centers for Disease Control and
35 Prevention will enable information on the potentially
36 debilitating disease to be centralized and coordinated, leading



1 to better sharing of key information and more research and
2 funding for better and effective treatments; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
6 that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is
7 respectfully requested to establish a chronic obstructive
8 pulmonary disease module for information and research on
9 effective treatments for the disease; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawaii
13 congressional delegation, the Director of the Centers for
14 Disease Control and Prevention, and the Director of the Division
15 of Adult and Community Health.

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18 OFFERED BY: Theranne Chun Oalilana

