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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. The University of Hawaii (UH) cancer center  
2 reduces the burden of cancer through research, education,  
3 patient care, and community outreach. The UH cancer center is  
4 the only cancer center designated by the National Cancer  
5 Institute in Hawaii and the Pacific. UH cancer center is a  
6 member of the Hawaii Cancer Consortium along with three hospital  
7 groups and the University's John A. Burns school of medicine  
8 (JABSOM).

9           JABSOM educates and trains healthcare professionals,  
10 including physicians, biomedical scientists, and allied health  
11 workers. JABSOM also conducts fundamental medical research and  
12 translates discoveries into delivery practices. Because JABSOM  
13 is a community-based medical school without its own university  
14 hospital, it partners with private hospitals in the community to  
15 achieve its educational mission.

16           The public funds and other resources the State has made  
17 available to JABSOM and the UH cancer center have been



1 substantial. The magnitude of state funds and other resources  
2 provided to UH and the distinction of UH being the sole public  
3 institution of higher education in the State and the UH cancer  
4 center being the only National Cancer Institute-designated  
5 cancer center in Hawaii underscore the importance of  
6 establishing complementary strategic priorities and coordinating  
7 the management and deployment of state resources appropriated to  
8 JABSOM and UH cancer center.

9 It is in the public interest that state resources be  
10 efficiently and effectively managed to optimize the public  
11 benefits. Just as co-locating the physical facilities for  
12 JABSOM and UH cancer center on adjoining sites in Kakaako  
13 promotes synergistic efforts, the legislature determines that it  
14 is a statewide concern to ensure that the management of public  
15 resources provided to JABSOM and UH cancer center be integrated,  
16 coordinated, and focused on common priorities to avoid  
17 unnecessary duplication of administrative expenses or  
18 conflicting priorities.

19 Placing resources devoted to training and educating  
20 physicians and conducting cancer research in an integrated  
21 university organizational structure as opposed to stand-alone



1 and duplicative organizations will foster a uniform strategic  
2 vision. Unified leadership will also allow better coordination  
3 with UH's private partners in the hospital community and with  
4 other state agencies.

5 The legislature finds that as a matter of statewide  
6 concern, the UH cancer center should be formally recognized and  
7 established as an organized research unit within the  
8 administrative and management purview of JABSOM.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, part IV, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
10 is amended by adding a new subpart to be appropriately  
11 designated and to read as follows:

12 " . **Cancer Research Center**

13 §304A- **Cancer research unit.** There is established  
14 within the medical school of the University of Hawaii an  
15 organized research unit to conduct cancer research. The unit  
16 shall be administered by a director to be appointed by the board  
17 of regents upon recommendation by the dean of the medical school  
18 with the concurrence by the president of the university. The  
19 research agenda shall focus on research, education, patient  
20 care, and community outreach and should reflect an understanding



# S.B. NO. 599

1 of the ethnic, cultural, and environmental characteristics of  
2 the State and the Pacific. The unit may:

- 3 (1) Engage in international research collaborations;  
4 (2) Undertake research studies or clinical trials; and  
5 (3) Participate in projects and programs of the National  
6 Cancer Institute."

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY:

  

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# S.B. NO. 589

**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Cancer Research

**Description:**

Establishes an organized research unit for cancer research within the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine.

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