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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, and also have  
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 multi-ethnic 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 2023-2024 and  
13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
14 year 2024-2025 for a multi-ethnic cohort study focusing on the  
15 social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental  
16 exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific  
17 Islanders, and Filipinos.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
19 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. The University of Hawaii cancer center shall  
2 seek federal funding, in addition to the funds appropriated by  
3 this Act, to complete the multi-cohort study.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

UH; Cancer Center; Multi-Ethnic Cohort Study; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii cancer center to conduct a multi-ethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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