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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY
OF ESTABLISHING AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER AND
IDENTIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDING
FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING FOR ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE RESEARCH.

1 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a significant public health
2 issue affecting millions of Americans, including many residents
3 of Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, National Institute on Aging-designated Alzheimer's
6 Disease Research Centers serve as a national resource for
7 research on the nature of Alzheimer's disease and related
8 dementias and the development of more effective approaches to
9 prevention, diagnosis, care, and therapy; and

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11 WHEREAS, the National Institute on Aging provides
12 substantial funding opportunities to designated Alzheimer's
13 Disease Research Centers, which can significantly enhance
14 research capabilities and resources; and

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16 WHEREAS, the establishment of an Alzheimer's Disease
17 Research Center in Hawaii would advance scientific research,
18 improve diagnosis and treatment, and provide better care for
19 those suffering from Alzheimer's disease; and

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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the largest share of Asian American and
22 Pacific Islander populations in the United States, which
23 presents a unique opportunity to conduct research on Alzheimer's
24 disease that reflects genetic, cultural, and environmental
25 factors distinct from those studied in mainland research
26 centers; and
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1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii, as the State's premier
2 institution of higher education, has the potential to spearhead
3 and establish a National Institute on Aging-designated
4 Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and contribute to global
5 research efforts on Alzheimer's disease; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
10 Hawaii is requested to explore the feasibility of establishing
11 an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and identify the
12 requirements for receiving federal funding from the National
13 Institute on Aging for Alzheimer's disease research; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in determining the feasibility
16 of establishing an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, the
17 University of Hawaii is requested to:

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- 19 (1) Investigate the University of Hawaii's current
20 research capabilities, infrastructure, and expertise
21 related to Alzheimer's disease; and
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 - 23 (2) Assess the potential benefits and impacts establishing
24 an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center would have on
25 the University of Hawaii, the State, and residents of
26 Hawaii; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in identifying the requirements
29 to receive federal funding from the National Institute on Aging,
30 the University of Hawaii is requested to:

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- 32 (1) Determine the criteria and guidelines for National
33 Institute on Aging Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
34 grants; and
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 - 36 (2) Outline the necessary steps and institutional
37 commitments needed to meet these requirements; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
40 requested to develop a phased plan, including initial
41 feasibility assessments, infrastructure development, faculty
42 recruitment, and community engagement; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is requested to develop an estimated timeline for each phase of the plan, beginning with the initial feasibility assessment and including potential grant applications and the establishment of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is requested to submit a report to the Legislature on the feasibility assessment, funding requirements, and proposed timeline no later than December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Director of Health, President of the University of Hawaii System, members of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, Director of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Aging, and Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa John A. Burns School of Medicine.

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