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# SENATE 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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28 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii, as the State's premier  
29 institution of higher education, has the potential to spearhead  
30 and establish a National Institute on Aging-designated



1 Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and contribute to global  
2 research efforts on Alzheimer's disease; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
6 that the University of Hawaii is requested to explore the  
7 feasibility of establishing an Alzheimer's Disease Research  
8 Center and identify the requirements for receiving federal  
9 funding from the National Institute on Aging for Alzheimer's  
10 disease research; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in determining the feasibility  
13 of establishing an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, the  
14 University of Hawaii is requested to:

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16 (1) Investigate the University of Hawaii's current  
17 research capabilities, infrastructure, and expertise  
18 related to Alzheimer's disease; and  
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20 (2) Assess the potential benefits and impacts establishing  
21 an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center would have on  
22 the University of Hawaii, the State, and residents of  
23 Hawaii; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in identifying the requirements  
26 to receive federal funding from the National Institute on Aging,  
27 the University of Hawaii is requested to:

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

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
42 requested to develop an estimated timeline for each phase of the



1 plan, beginning with the initial feasibility assessment and  
2 including potential grant applications and the establishment of  
3 an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
6 requested to submit a report to the Legislature on the  
7 feasibility assessment, funding requirements, and proposed  
8 timeline no later than December 31, 2025; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
12 Director of Health, President of the University of Hawaii  
13 System, members of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents,  
14 Director of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Aging,  
15 and Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa John A. Burns  
16 School of Medicine.  
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