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