
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for over fifty
2 years, the Hawaii tumor registry of the university of Hawaii
3 cancer center has served as a vital public health and research
4 resource for the State and provides support for statutorily
5 mandated cancer surveillance. The Hawaii tumor registry is part
6 of the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology,
7 and End Results program, which provides approximately eighty per
8 cent of the Hawaii tumor registry's funding, with the remaining
9 twenty per cent coming from the university of Hawaii cancer
10 center in compliance with the federal contract's twenty per cent
11 minimum cost-share requirement.

12 The legislature further finds that restrictions in federal
13 funding jeopardize the ability of the Hawaii tumor registry to
14 continue to provide robust cancer surveillance that is critical
15 to health of the State's residents. Due to an overall reduction
16 in National Institute of Health funding, the Hawaii tumor
17 registry faces a twenty-one per cent reduction in federal



1 funding. This reduction in funding will be exacerbated by
2 university of Hawaii cancer center funding restrictions, which
3 will negatively impact its ability to meet the twenty per-cent
4 cost sharing requirement.

5 The legislature additionally finds that the Hawaii tumor
6 registry has consistently been recognized as a top-performing
7 cancer registry in the United States and across North America.

8 The impact of the Hawaii tumor registry on the health of
9 Hawaii's residents has been far ranging, and includes working
10 with the department of health to investigate suspected cancer
11 clusters associated with a wide range of exposures, evaluating
12 the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cancer care in the State,
13 and direct contributions to national cancer research, early
14 detection efforts, and lifesaving legislative4 initiatives such
15 as the Childhood Cancer STAR Act and the National Firefighter
16 Registry.

17 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
18 funds to the university of Hawaii cancer center to support the
19 ongoing work of the Hawaii tumor registry.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,539,455 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 as
2 follows:

3 (1) \$460,266 to offset reduction in federal funding;
4 (2) \$579,179 to cover mandatory minimum twenty per cent
5 cost sharing;
6 (3) \$300,000 for the tumor biorepository; and
7 (4) \$200,000 for a statewide pathology reporting software.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
9 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii Cancer Center; Hawaii Tumor Registry;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center
Hawaii Tumor Registry.

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