
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 the health of the State's residents. Due to an overall
16 reduction in National Institutes of Health funding, the Hawaii
17 tumor 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 legislative initiatives such
15 as the Childhood Cancer STAR Act of 2018 and the National
16 Firefighter Registry for Cancer.

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 university of
21 Hawaii tuition and fees special fund the sum of \$ or



1 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027
2 for the university of Hawaii cancer center to support the
3 operations of the Hawaii tumor registry, to be expended as
4 follows:

- 5 (1) \$ to offset reductions in federal funding;
- 6 (2) \$ to cover the mandatory minimum twenty per
7 cent cost sharing for federal funding;
- 8 (3) \$ for the tumor biorepository; and
- 9 (4) \$ for statewide pathology reporting
10 software.

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

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2055.



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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's
Hawaii Tumor Registry. Effective 7/31/2055. (SD1)

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