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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CANCER.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 245-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§245-15 **Disposition of revenues.** All moneys collected  
4 pursuant to this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury  
5 as state realizations to be kept and accounted for as provided  
6 by law; provided that, of the moneys collected under the tax  
7 imposed pursuant to:

8 (1) Section 245-3(a)(5), after September 30, 2006, and  
9 ~~[prior to]~~ before October 1, 2007, 1.0 cent per  
10 cigarette shall be deposited to the credit of the  
11 Hawaii cancer research special fund, established  
12 pursuant to section 304A-2168, for research and  
13 operating expenses and for capital expenditures;

14 (2) Section 245-3(a)(6), after September 30, 2007, and  
15 before October 1, 2008:

16 (A) 1.5 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the  
17 credit of the Hawaii cancer research special



1 fund, established pursuant to section 304A-2168,  
2 for research and operating expenses and for  
3 capital expenditures;

4 (B) 0.25 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to  
5 the credit of the trauma system special fund  
6 established pursuant to section 321-22.5; and

7 (C) 0.25 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to  
8 the credit of the emergency medical services  
9 special fund established pursuant to section 321-  
10 234;

11 (3) Section 245-3(a)(7), after September 30, 2008, and  
12 before July 1, 2009:

13 (A) 2.0 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the  
14 credit of the Hawaii cancer research special  
15 fund, established pursuant to section 304A-2168,  
16 for research and operating expenses and for  
17 capital expenditures;

18 (B) 0.5 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the  
19 credit of the trauma system special fund  
20 established pursuant to section 321-22.5;



- 1 (C) 0.25 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to
- 2 the credit of the community health centers
- 3 special fund established pursuant to section 321-
- 4 1.65; and
- 5 (D) 0.25 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to
- 6 the credit of the emergency medical services
- 7 special fund established pursuant to section 321-
- 8 234;
- 9 (4) Section 245-3(a)(8), after June 30, 2009, and before
- 10 July 1, 2013:
- 11 (A) 2.0 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the
- 12 credit of the Hawaii cancer research special
- 13 fund, established pursuant to section 304A-2168,
- 14 for research and operating expenses and for
- 15 capital expenditures;
- 16 (B) 0.75 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to
- 17 the credit of the trauma system special fund
- 18 established pursuant to section 321-22.5;
- 19 (C) 0.75 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to
- 20 the credit of the community health centers



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1 special fund established pursuant to section 321-  
2 1.65; and

3 (D) 0.5 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the  
4 credit of the emergency medical services special  
5 fund established pursuant to section 321-234;

6 (5) Section 245-3(a)(11), after June 30, 2013, and before  
7 July 1, 2015:

8 (A) 2.0 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the  
9 credit of the Hawaii cancer research special  
10 fund, established pursuant to section 304A-2168,  
11 for research and operating expenses and for  
12 capital expenditures;

13 (B) 1.5 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the  
14 credit of the trauma system special fund  
15 established pursuant to section 321-22.5;

16 (C) 1.25 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to  
17 the credit of the community health centers  
18 special fund established pursuant to section 321-  
19 1.65; and

20 (D) 1.25 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to  
21 the credit of the emergency medical services



1 special fund established pursuant to section 321-  
2 234;

3 (6) Section 245-3(a)(11), after June 30, 2015, and before  
4 January 1, 2026:

5 (A) 2.0 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the  
6 credit of the Hawaii cancer research special  
7 fund, established pursuant to section 304A-2168,  
8 for research and operating expenses and for  
9 capital expenditures;

10 (B) 1.125 cents per cigarette, but not more than  
11 \$7,400,000 in a fiscal year, shall be deposited  
12 to the credit of the trauma system special fund  
13 established pursuant to section 321-22.5;

14 (C) 1.25 cents per cigarette, but not more than  
15 \$8,800,000 in a fiscal year, shall be deposited  
16 to the credit of the community health centers  
17 special fund established pursuant to section 321-  
18 1.65; and

19 (D) 1.25 cents per cigarette, but not more than  
20 \$8,800,000 in a fiscal year, shall be deposited  
21 to the credit of the emergency medical services



1 special fund established pursuant to section 321-  
2 234; and

3 (7) Section 245-3(a)(12), after December 31, 2025, and  
4 thereafter:

5 (A) 4.0 cents per cigarette shall be deposited to the  
6 credit of the Hawaii cancer research special  
7 fund, established pursuant to section 304A-2168,  
8 for research and operating expenses and for  
9 capital expenditures; [~~provided that, until~~  
10 ~~June 30, 2030, of each amount deposited under~~  
11 ~~this paragraph to the credit of the Hawaii cancer~~  
12 ~~research special fund, 4.0 cents per cigarette~~  
13 ~~shall be used exclusively for debt service of~~  
14 ~~capital expenditures and building maintenance,~~  
15 ~~provided further that beginning July 1, 2030, of~~  
16 ~~each amount deposited under this paragraph to the~~  
17 ~~credit of the Hawaii cancer research special~~  
18 ~~fund, 2.0 cents per cigarette shall be used~~  
19 ~~exclusively for debt service of capital~~  
20 ~~expenditures and building maintenance,]~~



1 (B) 1.125 cents per cigarette, but no more than  
 2 \$7,400,000 in a fiscal year, shall be deposited  
 3 to the credit of the trauma system special fund  
 4 established pursuant to section 321-22.5;

5 (C) 1.25 cents per cigarette, but no more than  
 6 \$8,800,000 in a fiscal year, shall be deposited  
 7 to the credit of the community health centers  
 8 special fund established pursuant to  
 9 section 321-1.65; and

10 (D) 1.25 cents per cigarette, but no more than  
 11 \$8,800,000 in a fiscal year, shall be deposited  
 12 to the credit of the emergency medical services  
 13 special fund established pursuant to  
 14 section 321-234.

15 The department shall provide an annual accounting of these  
 16 dispositions to the legislature."

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
 19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
 20 the operations and activities of the University of Hawaii cancer  
 21 center.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
2 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Cigarette Tax; Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund; Revenue; Disposition; Debt Services; Capital Expenditures; University of Hawaii Cancer Center; Appropriation

**Description:**

Repeals the requirement that a certain amount received from the cigarette tax on the wholesale price of each article or item of certain tobacco products deposited into the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund must be used for debt service of capital expenditures and building maintenance. Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center.

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