

THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE University of Hawai'i Cancer Center

FACT SHEET



The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center (UH Cancer Center) positively affects the O'ahu community. It creates an impact through its operations and research spending, as well as the spending of cancer trial patients and their guests, and other visitors. In addition, its entrepreneurial activities generate income for the region. Results of the analysis reflect Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15.

TOTAL IMPACT OF THE UH CANCER CENTER

While the center serves the entire state of Hawai'i, this analysis focuses on its contribution to O'ahu. During the analysis year, the UH Cancer Center and its various activities, cancer trial patients and their guests, and other visitors added **\$54.1 million** in income to the O'ahu economy. This is equivalent to supporting **776** jobs and is approximately equal to **0.1%** of the gross regional product (GRP). The impacts measured for the center are outlined below.

Operations spending impact

- The UH Cancer Center employed 256 full-time and part-time employees in FY 2014-15. Payroll amounted to **\$7.6 million**, much of which was spent in region to purchase groceries, clothing, and other household goods and services. The center spent another **\$10.9 million** to support its day-to-day operations. Note that these figures exclude research activities.
- The net impact of the UH Cancer Center payroll and expenses in the region during the analysis year was approximately **\$18.8 million** in added income, which is equivalent to creating **398** new jobs.

IMPACT OF THE UH CANCER CENTER IN FY 2014-15

Added income	Jobs
\$18.8 million	398
<i>Operations spending impact</i>	
\$33.4 million	358
<i>Research spending impact</i>	
\$1.4 million	13
<i>Start-up and spin-off company impact</i>	
\$107 thousand	1
<i>Cancer trial patient and guest spending impact</i>	
\$407 thousand	6
<i>Visitor spending impact</i>	
\$54.1 million	776
<i>Total impact</i>	

* Numbers may not add due to rounding

Research spending impact

- Research activities at the UH Cancer Center impact the regional economy by employing people and making purchases for equipment, supplies, and services. They also facilitate new knowledge creation. In FY 2014-15, the UH Cancer Center spent **\$13 million** on payroll to support research activities.
- The research spending of the UH Cancer Center generated **\$33.4 million** in added income for the regional economy, which is equivalent to creating **358** new jobs.

Start-up and spin-off company impact

- The UH Cancer Center creates an exceptional environment that fosters innovation and entre-

preneurship, evidenced by the start-up company created from its relationship with the center.

- In FY 2014-15, the start-up company related to the UH Cancer Center generated **\$1.4 million** in added income for the O’ahu economy, which is equivalent to creating **13** new jobs.

Cancer trial patient and guest spending impact

- The specialist care offered by the UH Cancer Center through research and cancer trials not only attracted patients seeking longer and healthier lives to the region, but also their friends and loved ones for moral support. Furthermore, the cancer trial activities retained patients and their guests in the region who would have otherwise had to travel to receive treatment.
- The spending from these patients and their guests added approximately **\$107 thousand** in total income for the O’ahu economy, which is equivalent to creating **1** new job.

Visitor spending impact

- Out-of-region visitors attracted to O’ahu for activities at the UH Cancer Center brought new dollars to the economy through their spending at hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and other regional businesses.
- Visitor spending added approximately **\$407 thousand** in added income for the O’ahu economy, which is equivalent to creating **6** new jobs.

