



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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### **INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**

Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i  
Project Development Status

Chair Tokuda, Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate and House Committees on Higher Education.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a status of the planned Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i project (CRCH). As President Greenwood emphasized, this project is one of the highest priorities of the University.

At its meeting on July 23, 2009, the Board of Regents approved service ordering the planning, design, and management of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's new Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i (CRCH Project) to the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, (RCUH), in an amount up to \$28 million. The University's service order is a joint effort with RCUH that proved to be a successful model in building UH research laboratories like the John A. Burns School of Medicine facility and the Center for Microbial Oceanographic Research and Educational facility currently being constructed at UH Mānoa.

A prior CRCH project was envisioned to be a combined medical research and clinical facility of 280,000 square feet. The project was planned to be sited on a parcel across from JABSOM, referred to as Lot C. For many reasons, the original project was not considered feasible and the University began the CRCH project anew about a year ago after partnerships with the community hospitals and JABSOM were established to create a cancer consortium. The new CRCH project is a research-only facility based on a cancer center model that Dr. Carbone elaborated on in his earlier testimony. The new project will be more modest in size (up to 150,000 square feet) and will be research focused. It will be built on the JABSOM Phase 2 site (Lot A) to achieve a number of economies.

Since November 2009, RCUH and the University has commenced with the design by Shimokawa Nakamura, Inc., a local architectural firm. They have assembled a design team including ZGF of Los Angeles and Jacobs Consultancy of New York City who has designed research facilities at nine of the top ten National Cancer Institute-designated

research centers in the country. Concurrently, the planning and entitlement work is being done by Wilson Okamoto & Associates, one of the largest planning and engineering firms in Honolulu who conducted the same tasks for construction of the JABSOM. To handle the day-to-day project management and coordination of these consultants, Kobayashi Group, a prominent local development company, has been retained.

Currently, a request for proposal for a general contractor is being solicited to provide pre-construction services to the design team for constructability, value engineering and cost estimating. The general contractor will be selected in February.

The University plans to seek the Board of Regents' approval in February to proceed with the issuance of revenue bonds that were authorized by the 2009 Legislature to fund the construction of the project. Currently, we plan to break ground in July 2010.

Now, I would like to introduce Kathy Inouye of Kobayashi Group and Jeff Nakamura of Shimokawa Nakamura to present the current status of the design of the project.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide the status of this major project.