American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Hawaii Newsletter - August 2021



2021 Hawaii Legislative Snapshot



- Legislature introduced 2,820 bills
- 265 bills passed, 240 became law

ACS CAN protected...

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- Tobacco Prevention & Control Trust Fund
- Cancer Research Special Fund
- UH Cancer Center's National Cancer Institute designation

Mahalo for helping us to protect important funding in the fight against cancer! Governor David Ige vetoed legislation that would eliminate the funding stream for critical tobacco prevention and control programs, which for two decades has dramatically reduced smoking rates and improved public health across the state of Hawaii. ACS CAN Hawaii advocates lobbied strategically throughout the legislative and special session to ensure our keiki are protected from the dangers of tobacco use and for programs available to help adults quit.

ACS CAN will continue to stay vigilant to protect funding of critical programs affecting patients, survivors, and caretakers. If you are interested in helping us on any of these issues, contact your ACS CAN staff partner Cynthia at Cynthia.Au@Cancer.org or 808-432-9139 to find out more.

Federal Update: On August 5th, ACS CAN advocates joined in a Facebook Live Talk Story hosted by Congressman Ed Case and Congressman Kai Kahele. Advocates submitted questions and Congressman Kahele chose to answer one of our questions live on the Affordable Care Act. Check out his answer <u>here</u> starting at 1:22:51.

ACS CAN 20th Anniversary Celebration

Save the date for September 29th at 1:30 pm (HST) and celebrate with us! FREE to all those who would like to join us for a fun time of ACS CAN Trivia, Past, Present and Future! This event is a celebration of all our amazing volunteers, staff and achievements over those past 20 years. Please <u>RSVP</u> for event updates and a reminder with the viewing link.





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Hawaii Lights of Hope Bag Decorating Contest

Join us in a Lights of Hope (LOH) bag decorating challenge and dedicate a bag to your love. This activity is fun for all ages!

How to enter your bag design to win a prize:

- 1. Donate to support Hawaii's Lights of Hope.
- 2. We will e-mail you a Lights of Hope coloring page that can be decorated by being printed or electronically.
- 3. E-mail a picture of your artwork to Cynthia.Au@cancer.org along with a short note who the bag is dedicated to.
- Your entry will be posted to Hawaii's ACS CAN social media pages @ACSCANHI Instagram and Facebook 2021 Lights of Hope photo album.
- 5. Vote for your favorite Lights of Hope bag by liking, sharing, and commenting. Contest ends at 11:59pm on August 31st.

Donate by mail: Checks to "ACS CAN" can be mailed to: ACS CAN, 2370 Nu'uanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817

Be sure to add a note with the name of the person your LOH bag is dedicated to. If you choose not to enter the contest, staff and volunteers will decorate the LOH bags on your behalf. Please send donations by September 12 for us to process and decorate your LOH bag(s) before September 18.

All Lights of Hope donations automatically comes with a year of ACS CAN membership to support our work. Contact your staff partner Cynthia at Cynthia.Au@Cancer.org or 808.432.9139 with any questions.

Contributions or membership payments to the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc. are not tax deductible.

\$1500 away from our state goal! Support us today!



BEE POSITIVE!

Even though we thought we lost the fight this legislative session, actions taken by you made a difference in the fight against cancer! Thank you!



Jenny Hausler honors her late husband John.



Scan the QR Code to help ACS CAN Hawaii meet our fundraising goal or click here!



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