

University of Hawai'i
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents
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9:00 a.m.
University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Dear Members of the Board of Regents:

I am Don Murphy, owner of Murphy's Bar and Grill. You probably best know me as a longtime supporter of University of Hawai'i Athletics. Today, I'm here in support of the UH Cancer Center and in particular to encourage you to approve the salary and benefit package to hire a new permanent director for the Cancer Center, Dr. Randall Holcombe.

Here is some of my family background that you may not know - My father died of colon cancer, and my mother was a 50-year survivor of three different types of cancer. As a result, my parents supported the Oklahoma Cancer Research Foundation. For many years, I have been on the boards of Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation and the Friends of the UH Cancer Center. I've lost countless close friends to cancer, and they've died far too young and missed out on too much living. That's why I am a supporter of the work being done here at the UH Cancer Center.

We need to be able to look ahead rather than at the past management of the Cancer Center. The UH Cancer Center can regain its health through good permanent leadership and secure funding. We in Hawai'i cannot afford to let our National Cancer Institute designated Cancer Center fall by the wayside. We need good people like Dr. Holcombe here in Hawai'i working with the researchers and scientists at the Cancer Center to find cures and better therapies for the cancers that occur most commonly here. This is a time when we need all hands on deck, both in the public sector as well as in private philanthropy, to come forward and step up to the plate to see that the UH Cancer Center not only survives but that it thrives and truly makes a difference in the lives of the citizens of our state.

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