



LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HCR 3

Oregon Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Attn: House Committee on Rules, Support for HCR 3

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice – Chairs Drazan and Pham,

Living Islands is a nonprofit providing education and health outreach to members of the Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander communities in Oregon.

We strongly support HCR 3, commending the work of Dr. Brian Drucker for his ongoing support of cancer research.

Native Hawaiian, Pacific Island and especially Marshallese communities that have been adversely impacted by the decisions of the United States Government testing atomic weapons in the Pacific atolls. The community members that survived radiation exposure, have inherited a genetic propensity for developing cancer and an accelerated likelihood of developing additional cancers in greater proportion than other non-white communities.

We have been working with the Knight Cancer Research Institute and serve on their Community Health and Research Advisory Council.

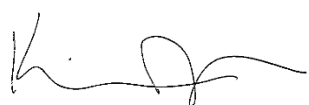
The work that Dr. Drucker has done, along with his colleagues at OHSU has been instrumental in promoting cancer awareness, detection, and response, including for our NHPI communities here in Oregon and in the Pacific Region.

We continue to work with the Knight Cancer Research Institute and are delighted to support Representative Pham and the Oregon Legislature acknowledging his contributions toward helping all of us live longer, healthier lives.

We are especially grateful to the Legislature, and so many other private, public, and non-profit Oregonians that enabled the following to happen:

- 2015: Dr. Druker led the Knight Cancer Challenge, raising \$1 billion for cancer research at the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, supported by the Oregon Legislative Assembly, philanthropists Phil and Penny Knight, and over 10,000 donors worldwide.
- 2016: Dr. Drucker launched the Cancer Early Detection Advanced Research Center (CEDAR) to develop an advanced early detection program for cancer, collaborating with top scientists globally.
- 2017: Under Dr. Druker's leadership, the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute earned the prestigious designation of a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute, recognizing its excellence in cancer diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.
- 2019: Dr. Drucker received the Sjöberg Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in recognition of his groundbreaking contributions to cancer research.
- Dr. Druker is celebrated as one of Oregon's most well-known scientists and a world leader in the fight against cancer, credited with developing a life-saving drug that has impacted hundreds of thousands of lives.

On behalf of Living Islands Non-Profit, in support, and with gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kianna Angelo".

Kianna Angelo
Founder and Executive Director
Living Islands Non-Profit