University of Hawai'i Cancer Center

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LEGISLATORS DON HARD HATS FOR PREVIEW

Over 20 Hawaii state legislators suited up in bright orange hard hats, safety vests, and glasses during their sneak preview of the new Cancer Center on November 16. The exclusive event gave legislators an opportunity to view the progress of the new Cancer Center, which is three months ahead of schedule, according to the project’s contractor, A.C. Kobayashi.
The guests were joined by University of Hawaii president M.R.C. Greenwood and UH Manoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw, and other University personnel. Also in attendance were members of the Hawaii Cancer Consortium, and the Center’s executive committee.

Guests enjoyed tours of the newly-named Sullivan Conference Center, research labs, and green initiatives being implemented at the new facility, which sits next to the John A. Burns School of Medicine in Kaka’ako. Among the building’s sustainable features are panoramic windows and breezeways that target a 25 to 30 percent reduction in utility costs. The facility also features a chilled-beam system to be used to heat, ventilate, and provide air conditioning throughout the 150,000 square feet of space.

The building will span six floors, giving the Cancer Center’s more than 300 researchers and staff a cutting-edge facility to find an end to cancer. The $120 million project is being financed by university revenue bonds, funded with cigarette tax monies from the Hawaii State Legislature. The building will open its doors in 2013.