$20 Million Potential Donation to UH Cancer Center

The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center may potentially receive $20 million from the Friends of the UH Cancer Center board member Virginia Weinman and her husband, Barry Weinman.

"But only on the condition that the (National Cancer Institute) designation is not in jeopardy, which it will be if we don't have a new director appointed immediately," said Weinman to the regents in public testimony.

At the meeting on June 2, the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents approved Dr. Randall F. Holcombe as UH Cancer Center director. A formal offer was made to Holcombe.

Generous and forward thinking philanthropists, Barry & Virginia Weinman, provide funds to the Cancer Center for several purposes, all directed towards advancing innovations in cancer research. They created an endowment to bring to Hawai'i some of the best cancer researchers to work collaboratively in our research laboratories with our scientists. Their funds also support the Weinman Symposium, which is held once a year, and a weekly/bi-weekly lecture series whereby prominent researchers deliver a major lecture at the UH Cancer Center.