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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

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*Requesting the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition to report annually on changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care. Report.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death for people under age 65 in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2005, over 154,000 cases of cancer were diagnosed and over 67,000 people died from cancer in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health identified the need to address cancer as a public health issue and established the Cancer Control Project in January of 1998; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Cancer Control Project, the Virginia Department of Health initiated development of the Virginia Cancer Plan, a state cancer plan for the prevention and control of cancer, and established the Cancer Plan Action Coalition to create the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cancer Plan sets forth the state's goals and strategies for all areas of comprehensive cancer control, and includes baseline data, measurable objectives, guidance for design, implementation, surveillance, and evaluation of cancer-related actions and issues for the general public, people with cancer and their families, health care providers, policy makers, and the broader health care system; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cancer Plan is regularly updated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition be requested to report on changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care in each year that such changes are made.

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