
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CANCER TREATMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The American Cancer Society reports that more
2 than 559,650 people died last year in the United States from
3 some form of cancer. The legislature finds that last year, in
4 Hawaii, 2,260 people died from a type of cancer. The American
5 Cancer Society also reports that approximately 1,440,920 new
6 cases of cancer were diagnosed last year in the United States.
7 Last year in Hawaii, 6,020 new cases of cancer were diagnosed.
8 Cancers of the breast, colon and rectum, prostate, and lungs
9 made up the majority of those new cases in this State. The
10 American Cancer Society also estimates that over ten million
11 cancer survivors are alive today because of successful
12 treatment.

13 The United States Census Bureau estimates that 8.6 per cent
14 of Hawaii residents do not have health insurance. The
15 legislature finds that it is important to ensure that all cancer
16 patients in the State, including those that do not have health
17 insurance, have access to effective cancer treatments.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the development of a
2 program to provide cancer treatment to cancer patients in Hawaii
3 without health insurance.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The department of human services shall
5 develop and implement a statewide program that will provide
6 necessary cancer treatments for cancer patients in the State who
7 do not have health insurance.

8 (b) The director of human services shall adopt rules
9 pursuant to chapter 91, necessary to carry out the purposes of
10 this Act.

11 (c) The director of human services may seek, apply for,
12 and administer federal funding and other resources for the
13 purposes of this Act.

14 (d) The department shall submit a report of its progress,
15 including any recommendations or proposed legislation, to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2009.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
21 purpose of developing and implementing a program to provide
22 necessary treatments for uninsured cancer patients in the State.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 human services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Description:

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