
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CANCER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that of cancers affecting
2 both men and women, cancer of the colon and rectum, also known
3 as colorectal cancer, is the second leading killer in the United
4 States. According to the National Cancer Institute, in 2007,
5 142,672 people in the United States were diagnosed with
6 colorectal cancer, and 53,219 people died from it. Based on
7 rates from 2006-2008, 5.08 per cent of men and women born today
8 will be diagnosed with cancer of the colon and rectum during
9 their lifetime. Since colorectal cancer almost always develops
10 from precancerous polyps (abnormal growth) in the colon or
11 rectum, screening tests are an easy and effective preventative
12 method to find precancerous polyps and detect colorectal cancer
13 early.

14 The legislature also finds that a screening program will
15 increase detections of any cancer at an early stage, which in
16 turn improves survival and decreases mortality rates. With the
17 success of the Hawaii comprehensive breast and cervical cancer
18 control program, established by the legislature in 1997 to



1 provide breast and cervical cancer screening, establishing a
2 program using the Hawaii comprehensive breast and cervical
3 cancer control program as a model is an effective approach to
4 increase the number of screenings and early detections of
5 colorectal cancer.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Hawaii
7 colorectal cancer screening program using the Hawaii
8 comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program as a
9 model, and to appropriate funds for the program.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
12 designated and to read as follows:

13 **"§346- Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program. (a)**

14 There is established the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening
15 program, to administered by the department of human services in
16 collaboration with the department of health, to facilitate the
17 early detection of colorectal cancer and to assist individuals
18 who have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer by the Hawaii
19 colorectal cancer screening program.

20 (b) The department of human services shall work
21 collaboratively with the department of health to assist in and



1 support the screening, education, and outreach process
2 regardless of an individual's eligibility for medicaid coverage.

3 (c) Under the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program,
4 the department of human services shall provide state-funded
5 medical assistance, as available, to:

6 (1) Provide screenings for colorectal cancer to
7 individuals who are:

8 (A) Fifty years of age or older; or

9 (B) Under the age of fifty years and at high risk for
10 colorectal cancer;

11 (2) Provide appropriate case management and referrals for
12 medical treatment of individuals screened through the
13 program;

14 (3) Ensure, either directly or through coordination or an
15 arrangement with health care providers or programs,
16 the full continuum of care for screened individuals,
17 including appropriate follow-up for abnormal tests,
18 diagnostic services, therapeutic services, and
19 treatment of detected cancers and management of
20 unanticipated medical complications;

21 (4) Educate, train, and improve the skills of health care
22 professionals, including allied health professionals



1 and lay health educators, in the detection and control
 2 of colorectal cancer, which activities are carried out
 3 pursuant to the participation of the health care
 4 professionals in the program;

5 (5) Educate women regarding the risks associated with
 6 colorectal cancer; and

7 (6) Provide outreach to individuals who are at risk for
 8 colorectal cancer.

9 (d) The department of human services shall submit an
 10 annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
 11 to the convening of each regular session on the expenditure of
 12 all funds for the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program."

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
 16 establishment of the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program.

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

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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INTRODUCED BY:




H.B. NO. 2115

Report Title:

Colon and Rectum Cancer Treatment; Hawaii Colorectal Cancer Screening Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program to assist individuals with the detection and care of colorectal cancer. Appropriates funds for the program.

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