
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. Because colorectal cancer almost always
10 develops from precancerous polyps, comprising abnormal growth in
11 the colon or rectum, screening is an easy and effective
12 preventative method to find precancerous polyps and detect
13 colorectal cancer early.

14 The legislature also finds that a screening program will
15 increase early detection of colorectal cancer, which in turn
16 improves survival and decreases mortality rates. The Hawaii
17 colorectal cancer screening program created by this Act is based
18 on the successful Hawaii comprehensive breast and cervical



1 cancer control program, established by the legislature in 1997
2 to provide breast and cervical cancer screening.

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

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

10 "§346- Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program. (a)

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

17 (b) The department of human services shall work
18 collaboratively with the department of health to assist in and
19 support the screening, education, and outreach process
20 regardless of an individual's eligibility for medicaid coverage.



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

4 (1) Provide screenings for colorectal cancer to
5 individuals who are:

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

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

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

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

19 (4) Educate, train, and improve the skills of health care
20 professionals, including allied health professionals
21 and lay health educators, in the detection and control
22 of colorectal cancer, which shall be carried out



1 pursuant to the participation of the health care
2 professionals in the program;
3 (5) Educate men and women regarding the risks associated
4 with colorectal cancer; and
5 (6) Provide outreach to individuals who are at risk for
6 colorectal cancer.
7 (d) The department of human services shall submit an
8 annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
9 to the convening of each regular session on the expenditure of
10 all funds for the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program."

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

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

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

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. Makes appropriation. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2115 HD1)

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