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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that among the types of  
2 cancer that affect men and women, cancer of the colon and  
3 rectum, also known as colorectal cancer, is the third leading  
4 cause of cancer deaths in the United States. The National  
5 Cancer Institute estimates that in 2013, 142,820 people in the  
6 United States were diagnosed with, and 50,830 people died from,  
7 colorectal cancer. Based on rates from 2006 through 2008, 5.08  
8 per cent of men and women born today will be diagnosed with  
9 colorectal cancer during their lifetime. Since colorectal  
10 cancer almost always develops from precancerous polyps in the  
11 colon or rectum, screening tests are an easy and effective  
12 method to find precancerous polyps and to detect colorectal  
13 cancer in its early stages.

14           The legislature also finds that a screening program will  
15 increase detection of any cancer at an early stage, improving  
16 chances for survival and decreasing mortality rates. With the  
17 success of the Hawaii comprehensive breast and cervical cancer  
18 control program, established by the legislature in 1993 to



1 provide breast and cervical cancer screening, the legislature  
2 further finds that this program is a model of an effective  
3 approach to increasing the number of screenings and early  
4 detection of colorectal cancer.

5 The purpose of this Act is to:

6 (1) Establish a two-year Hawaii colorectal cancer  
7 screening awareness pilot program using the Hawaii  
8 comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control  
9 program as a model; and

10 (2) Appropriate funds for the pilot program.

11 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the Hawaii colorectal  
12 cancer screening awareness pilot program, to be administered by  
13 the department of health in collaboration with the department of  
14 human services, to facilitate the early detection of colorectal  
15 cancer and to assist individuals who have been diagnosed with  
16 colorectal cancer.

17 (b) Under the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening awareness  
18 pilot program, the department of health shall:

19 (1) Educate, train, and improve the skills of health care  
20 professionals, including allied health professionals  
21 and lay health educators, in the detection and  
22 management of colorectal cancer;



- 1           (2) Educate the public regarding the risks associated with
- 2           colorectal cancer and the benefits of screening;
- 3           (3) Provide outreach to individuals who are at greater
- 4           risk for colorectal cancer; and
- 5           (4) Provide referral services for individuals diagnosed
- 6           with colorectal cancer.

7           (c) The department of health shall submit a report to the  
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
9 the regular session of 2015 on the efficacy of the pilot program  
10 and the expenditure of all funds for the Hawaii colorectal  
11 cancer screening awareness pilot program.

12           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
15 Hawaii colorectal cancer screening awareness pilot program.

16           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
17 health for the purposes of this Act.

18           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2150, and  
19 shall be repealed on June 30, 2016.

**Report Title:**

Colorectal Cancer Screening Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a Hawaii Colorectal Cancer Screening Awareness Pilot Program using the Hawaii Comprehensive Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program as a model. Appropriates funds for the first year of the two-year pilot program. Effective July 1, 2150. Repeals on June 30, 2016. (SB2045 HD1)

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