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In reply, please refer to:  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**SB2045,SD1, RELATING TO THE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING  
PILOT PROGRAM**

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) offers comments on SB2045,SD1 and  
2 defers to the priorities of the Governor's Supplemental Budget request.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriated out of the general fund, the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as  
4 may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the establishment of the Hawaii Colorectal Cancer  
5 Screening Awareness Pilot Program to the DOH.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The DOH recognizes the importance of increasing awareness and  
7 education of colorectal cancer screening and early detection in cancer control. Colorectal cancer is the  
8 second leading cause of cancer death in Hawaii. Early detection of colorectal cancer greatly reduces  
9 costs and increases survival rates. The DOH, through the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program will  
10 continue to work with partners, including the Department of Human Services on the overall effort to  
11 support awareness and screening of colorectal cancer.

12 We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on SB2045,SD1.