

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 121

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2015

RE: S.B. No. 749

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 749
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COLORECTAL CANCER
SCREENING AND AWARENESS PILOT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and
appropriate funds for a two-year Hawaii colorectal cancer
screening and awareness pilot program using the Hawaii
comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program as a
model.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from The Queen's Health Systems. Your Committee received comments
on this measure from the Department of Health.

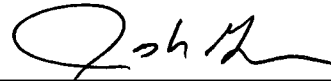
Your Committee finds that of cancers affecting men and women,
cancer of the colon and rectum, also known as colorectal cancer,
is the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United
States. In 2011, the United States Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention reported that 135,260 people in the United States
were diagnosed with colorectal cancer, including 70,099 men and
65,161 women. That same year, 51,783 people in the United States
died from colorectal cancer, including 26,804 men and 24,979
women. Because colorectal cancer almost always develops from
precancerous polyps in the colon or rectum, screening tests are an
easy and effective method to find precancerous polyps and detect
colorectal cancer in its early stages.



Your Committee further finds that a screening program will increase detections of any cancer at an early stage, improving chances for survival and decreasing mortality rates. Your Committee finds that the Hawaii comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program, established by the Legislature in 1997 to provide breast and cervical cancer screening, is a model of an effective approach to increasing the number of screenings and early detection of colorectal cancer.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 749 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 749	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2/4/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GABBARD, Mike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RIVIERE, Gil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SLOM, Sam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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