
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP
TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE COLORECTAL CANCER
SCREENING RATES IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
2 cancer deaths for men and the third leading cause of cancer
3 deaths for women in the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, approximately 660 Hawaii residents are diagnosed
6 with colorectal cancer every year, and nearly 240 Hawaii
7 residents die from the disease each year; and
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9 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer has very few symptoms, making
10 screenings vital to detection and treatment of the cancer in its
11 early stages; and
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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently has a screening rate of 70
14 percent, with a state goal of reaching an 80 percent screening
15 rate by 2020; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 2016 the Hawaii Comprehensive Cancer Coalition
18 unveiled a five-year strategic plan to address early detection
19 of colorectal cancer through education, outreach, and working
20 with health systems and community partners; and
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22 WHEREAS, with the uncertainty of the health insurance
23 market and federal funding for existing cancer screening and
24 prevention programs, it is prudent and reasonable for cancer
25 control advocates to come together as a community to reevaluate
26 these issues in the volatile healthcare landscape; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Department of Health, American Cancer Society,
29 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, and other
30 community partners are all committed to reducing the burden of
31 colorectal cancer in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
4 requested to convene a working group, with the assistance of the
5 American Cancer Society-Hawaii-Pacific and the American Cancer
6 Society Cancer Action Network, to develop recommendations to
7 increase colorectal cancer screening rates in the State; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
10 to incorporate cancer control organizations including hospitals,
11 healthcare associations, community health centers, insurers, and
12 other interested public health groups; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the Hawaii State
15 Cancer Plan 2016-2020, the working group is requested to examine
16 and identify specific actions to:
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- 18 (1) Promote public education on colorectal cancer
19 screenings in combination with other screenings;
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- 21 (2) Identify barriers to colorectal cancer screening among
22 underserved, hard-to-reach population groups, and
23 develop effective strategies to overcome those
24 barriers;
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- 26 (3) Increase public knowledge about family history as a
27 risk factor for colorectal cancer;
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- 29 (4) Implement small media interventions;
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- 31 (5) Utilize provider-client reminder systems to ensure
32 timely compliance with screenings;
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- 34 (6) Partner with community clinics and federally qualified
35 health centers to implement evidenced-based screening
36 interventions; and
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- 38 (7) Partner with union organizations and employer groups
39 to provide cancer screening education to members of
40 unions and employer groups; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is also
2 requested to assess:

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- 4 (1) Existing and potential state and community resources
5 to address screening and awareness of colorectal
6 cancer;
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- 8 (2) The use of targeted models and methods to reach
9 underserved populations within the State's unique
10 social, cultural, and geographic diversity;
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- 12 (3) Strategies to partner across health systems,
13 providers, insurers, and community organizations to
14 collaborate on reaching underserved populations; and
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- 16 (4) Any other proposals that have the potential to
17 increase colorectal cancer screening rates; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
20 to submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
21 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
22 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health;
26 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; and Executive
27 Director of the American Cancer Society-Hawaii-Pacific.

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OFFERED BY:

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