

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1173

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 112

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 112 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS
TO INCREASE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING RATES IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the
detection and early treatment of colorectal cancer by requesting
the Department of Health to convene a working group to develop
recommendations to increase colorectal cancer screening rates.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; American Cancer Society, Cancer
Action Network; University of Hawai'i Cancer Center; Hawaii Primary
Care Association; Hawai'i Pacific Health; and seventeen
individuals.

Your Committee finds that increased colorectal cancer
screening can save many lives in Hawaii. Nationwide, states and
organizations are committing to the "80% by 2018" initiative,
which is an effort to eliminate colorectal cancer as a major
public health problem by getting eighty percent of adults aged
fifty and older screened for colorectal cancer by 2018. Your
Committee further finds that colorectal cancer is the second
leading cause of cancer deaths for men and the third leading cause
of cancer deaths for women in Hawaii. Furthermore, colorectal



screening rates for individuals over age fifty are much lower for those who reside in low-income households and those with less than a high school education.

Your Committee additionally finds that colorectal cancer is a cause of considerable suffering among more than one hundred forty thousand adults in the country diagnosed with this cancer each year. In Hawaii, approximately six hundred sixty residents are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year, and an average of two hundred forty residents die from the disease each year. Your Committee emphasizes that a priority of the Hawaii State Cancer Plan is to increase colorectal screening rates and reduce morbidity and mortality of colorectal cancer through screening and early detection. Your Committee finds that there is work to be done to increase colorectal cancer screening rates in an effort to improve the quality of life for hundreds of people in the State by detecting and preventing death from late stage colorectal cancer and lessening the physical, emotional, and financial burden that often accompany a cancer diagnosis. Your Committee notes that there are many community partners committed to working together to improve colorectal cancer screenings in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 112 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR112	Committee Referral: CPH, WAM	Date: 3/28/17		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
KIDANI, Michelle N.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i></div>				
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