

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 556
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness,
to which was referred H.B. No. 556 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide state-funded
financial assistance for colorectal cancer screenings to certain
Hawaii residents.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Community Clinic of Maui-Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center;
Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Fight Colorectal Cancer; American
Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Hawaii Association of Health
Plans; Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; and six
individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure
from the Department of Human Services; Department of Health; and
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committees find colorectal cancer is the third leading
cause of cancer in Hawaii and the third leading cause of cancer
deaths nationwide. Your Committees further find that screening is
vital for the early detection of colorectal cancer. However, not
all residents of Hawaii have access to health insurance that
provides no-cost colorectal cancer screening. Deaths from
colorectal cancer are largely preventable and this measure will

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increase access to preventative health screenings, which will improve health outcomes for more Hawaii residents.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

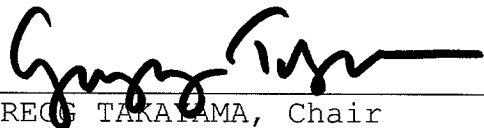
- (1) Clarifying that the state-funded colorectal screenings are for residents of the State who are permanent United States resident aliens and nonresident aliens who are ineligible for Medicaid, rather than Medicare;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 556, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 556, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services & Homelessness,



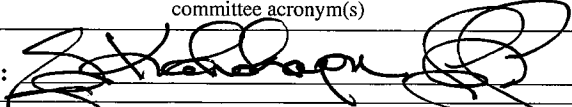
LISA MARTEN, Chair



GREG TAKAHAMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 556	Committee Referral: HLT/HSR, CPL, FIN	Date: Jan 31, 2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	X			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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