H.B. NO. 2423

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The American Cancer Society reports that more 2 than 559,650 people died last year in the United States from some form of cancer. The legislature finds that last year, in 3 4 Hawaii, 2,260 people died from a type of cancer. The American 5 Cancer Society also reports that approximately 1,440,920 new cases of cancer were diagnosed last year in the United States. 6 7 Last year in Hawaii, 6,020 new cases of cancer were diagnosed. Cancers of the breast, colon and rectum, prostate, and lungs 8 9 made up the majority of those new cases in this State. The 10 American Cancer Society also estimates that over ten million 11 cancer survivors are alive today because of successful 12 treatments.

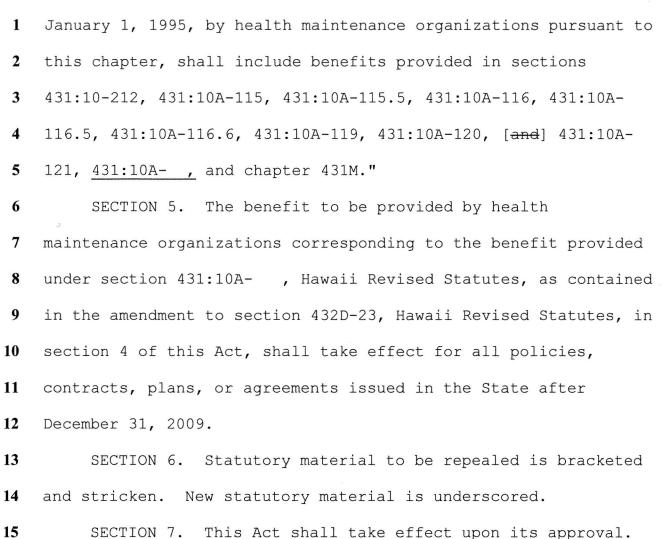
13 The legislature finds that it is important to ensure that 14 health insurance providers cover all forms of necessary 15 treatments for cancer cases in this State. The purpose of this 16 Act is to provide quality health care for Hawaii residents by 17 requiring health insurance providers to include in their 18 policies coverage for all forms of cancer treatments. HB LRB 08-0933.doc

H.B. NO. 2423

1	SECTION 2. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to article 10A to be
3	appropriately designated and to read as follows:
4	"§431:10A- Cancer treatment. Notwithstanding any
5	provision to the contrary, all individual and group accident and
6	health or sickness insurance policies issued or renewed in this
7	State on or after , shall provide coverage for all
8	available forms of necessary cancer treatments for the
9	subscriber or any dependent of the subscriber who is covered by
10	the policy."
11	SECTION 3. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended by adding a new section to article 1 to be appropriately
13	designated and to read as follows:
14	"§432:1- Cancer treatment. Each policy, contract, plan,
15	or agreement shall provide coverage for all available forms of
16	necessary cancer treatments for the subscriber or any dependent
17	of the subscriber who is covered by the policy."
18	SECTION 4. Section 432D-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended to read as follows:
20	"§432D-23 Required provisions and benefits.
21	Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each
22	policy, contract, plan, or agreement issued in the State after
	HB LRB 08-0933.doc



H.B. NO. 2423



blerion /. This het shall take effect t

16

INTRODUCED BY:

JAN 1 7 2008



Report Title:

Health Insurance; Cancer Treatments

Description:

Requires health insurance providers to cover treatments for cancer.

