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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that of cancers affecting  
2 men and women, cancer of the colon and rectum, also known as  
3 colorectal cancer, is the second leading killer in the United  
4 States. According to the National Cancer Institute, in 2007,  
5 142,627 people in the United States were diagnosed with, and  
6 53,219 people died from, colorectal cancer. Based on rates from  
7 2006 through 2008, 5.08 per cent of men and women born today  
8 will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer during their lifetime.  
9 Since colorectal cancer almost always develops from precancerous  
10 polyps in the colon or rectum, screening tests are an easy and  
11 effective method to find precancerous polyps and detect  
12 colorectal cancer in its early stages.

13       The legislature also finds that a screening program will  
14 increase detections of any cancer at an early state, which in  
15 turn improves chances for survival and decreases mortality  
16 rates. With the success of the Hawaii comprehensive breast and  
17 cervical cancer control program, established by the legislature  
18 in 1997 to provide breast and cervical cancer screening, the



1 legislature further finds that this program is a model of an  
2 effective approach to increasing the number of screenings and  
3 early detection of colorectal cancer.

4 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 5 (1) Establish a two-year Hawaii colorectal cancer  
6 screening pilot program using the Hawaii comprehensive  
7 breast and cervical cancer control program as a model;  
8 and  
9 (2) Appropriate funds for the pilot program.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the Hawaii colorectal  
11 cancer screening pilot program, to be administered by the  
12 department of health in collaboration with the department of  
13 human services, to facilitate the early detection of colorectal  
14 cancer and to assist individuals who have been diagnosed with  
15 colorectal cancer through the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening  
16 pilot program.

17 (b) Under the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program,  
18 the department of health shall:

- 19 (1) Educate, train, and improve the skills of health care  
20 professionals, including allied health professionals  
21 and lay health educators, in the detection and



1 management of colorectal cancer through the  
2 professionals' participation in the pilot program;

3 (2) Educate women and men regarding the risks associated  
4 with colorectal cancer; and

5 (3) Provide outreach to individuals who are at greater  
6 risk for colorectal cancer.

7 (c) Screening and treatment shall be available to high  
8 risk populations and individuals fifty years or older,  
9 regardless of an individual's eligibility for medicaid coverage.

10 (d) Under the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening program,  
11 the department of human services shall provide to persons  
12 eligible for medicaid state-funded medical assistance, as  
13 available, to:

14 (1) Provide screenings for colorectal cancer to  
15 individuals who are:

16 (A) Fifty years of age or older; or

17 (B) Under the age of fifty years and at high risk for  
18 colorectal cancer;

19 (2) Provide appropriate case management and referrals for  
20 medical treatment of individuals screened through the  
21 pilot program; and



(3) Ensure, either directly or through coordination or an arrangement with health care providers or programs, the full continuum of care for screened individuals, including appropriate follow up for abnormal tests, diagnostic services, therapeutic services, treatment of detected cancers, and management of unanticipated medical complications.

(e) The department of health shall submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014 through 2017 regular sessions on the expenditure of all funds for the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening pilot program.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Hawaii colorectal cancer screening pilot program.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, and shall be repealed on June 30, 2017.



**Report Title:**

Colorectal Cancer Screening Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a two-year Hawaii colorectal cancer screening pilot program using the Hawaii comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program as a model. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. Repeals on June 30, 2017. (SD1)

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