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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 the cancers  
2       affecting men and women, cancer of the colon and rectum, also  
3       known as colorectal cancer, is the third leading cancer killer  
4       in the United States. The National Cancer Institute estimates  
5       that in 2013, 142,820 people in the United States were diagnosed  
6       with, and 50,830 people died from, colorectal cancer. Based on  
7       rates from 2006 through 2008, 5.08 per cent of men and women  
8       born today will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer during their  
9       lifetime. Since colorectal cancer almost always develops from  
10      precancerous polyps in the colon or rectum, screening tests are  
11      an easy and effective method to find precancerous polyps and  
12      detect 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 stage, improving  
15      chances for survival and decreasing mortality rates. With the  
16      success of the Hawaii comprehensive breast and cervical cancer  
17      control program, established by the legislature in 1993 to  
18      provide breast and cervical cancer screening, the legislature



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

4 The purpose of this Act is to:

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

9 (2) Appropriate funds for the pilot program.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the Hawaii colorectal  
11 cancer screening awareness pilot program, to be administered by  
12 the 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.

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

18 (1) Educate, train, and improve the skills of health care  
19 professionals, including allied health professionals  
20 and lay health educators, in the detection and  
21 management of colorectal cancer through the  
22 professionals' participation in the pilot program;



1 (2) Educate women and men regarding the risks associated  
2 with colorectal cancer and the benefits of screening;

3 (3) Provide outreach to individuals who are at greater  
4 risk for colorectal cancer; and

5 (4) Provide referral services for individuals diagnosed  
6 with colorectal cancer.

7 (c) The department of health shall submit a report to the  
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
9 the 2015 regular session on the expenditure of all funds for the  
10 Hawaii colorectal cancer screening awareness pilot program.

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

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 health for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014, and  
18 shall be repealed on June 30, 2016.



**Report Title:**

Colorectal Cancer Screening Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a Hawaii colorectal cancer screening awareness pilot program using the Hawaii comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program as a model. Appropriates funds for the first year of the pilot program. Repeals on 6/30/2016. (SD1)

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