
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CANCER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that "80% by 2018" is an
2 initiative by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, a
3 working group established by the United States Centers for
4 Disease Control and Prevention and other national cancer control
5 stakeholders, in which organizations have committed to
6 eliminating colorectal cancer as a major public health problem
7 and are working toward the shared goal of getting eighty per
8 cent of adults aged fifty and older screened for colorectal
9 cancer by 2018.

10 The "80% by 2018" initiative is vital to reducing the
11 burden of cancer because:

- 12 (1) Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer
13 death in men and women in the United States, and a
14 cause of considerable suffering among more than one
15 hundred forty thousand adults diagnosed with
16 colorectal cancer each year;



1 (2) When adults get screened for colorectal cancer, it can
2 be detected early at a stage when treatment is most
3 likely to be successful, and in some cases, it can be
4 prevented through the detection and removal of
5 precancerous polyps;

6 (3) About twenty-three million people, which is about one
7 in three adults between fifty and seventy-five years
8 old, are not getting tested as recommended;

9 (4) The people less likely to get tested are rural
10 populations, men, those aged fifty to sixty-four, and
11 those with lower education and income;

12 (5) There are several recommended screening test options,
13 including colonoscopy, stool tests such as a guaiac
14 fecal occult blood test or fecal immunochemical test,
15 and sigmoidoscopy;

16 (6) Screening can save lives but only if people get
17 tested; and

18 (7) The best test is the test that gets done.

19 The legislature further finds that according to the United
20 States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data, Hawaii's
21 current screening rate for colorectal cancer is sixty-four per



1 cent. Hawaii's screening rate, however, when compared to all
2 states ranks in the bottom half, indicating there is more work
3 to be done to increase colorectal cancer screening rates.

4 The legislature also finds that the "80% by 2018"
5 initiative's goal of increasing the colorectal cancer screening
6 rate to eighty per cent by 2018 will increase the quality of
7 life for hundreds of people in the State by detecting and
8 preventing death from late stage colorectal cancer and lessening
9 the physical, emotional, and financial burden that may come with
10 a cancer diagnosis.

11 The purpose of this Act is to launch a colorectal cancer
12 awareness pilot program to promote and encourage screening
13 through a public awareness campaign to help the State achieve an
14 increase in screening rates in conjunction with the "80% by
15 2018" initiative.

16 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the colorectal cancer
17 awareness pilot program, to be administered by the department of
18 health. The department of health shall provide education and
19 outreach to:



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

4 (B) Provide specific education to individuals who are at
5 greater risk for colorectal cancer.

6 (b) The department of health shall submit to the
7 legislature:

8 (1) A preliminary report no later than twenty days prior
9 to the convening of the regular session of 2019 on the
10 expenditure of funds for the colorectal cancer
11 awareness pilot program as of the date of the
12 preliminary report; and

13 (2) A final report no later than twenty days prior to the
14 convening of the regular session of 2021 on the
15 expenditure of all funds for the colorectal cancer
16 awareness pilot program as of the date of the final
17 report.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the



1 colorectal cancer awareness pilot program established pursuant
2 to this Act.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000, and
6 shall be repealed on June 30, 2020.



Report Title:

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Pilot Program; Department of Health;
Appropriation

Description:

Creates the colorectal cancer awareness pilot program within the
Department of Health and appropriates funds for the program.

Repeals on 6/30/2020. (HB62 HD1)

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