



# H.B. NO. 162

1           §   -2 Diagnostic and antibody tests. If the governor  
2 declares the existence of a public health emergency, as defined  
3 in section   -1, the governor or the governor's authorized  
4 representatives shall purchase and make available the  
5 appropriate diagnostic or antibody tests, or both. The tests  
6 shall be:

- 7           (1) Administered free of charge to any person in need of a  
8                 test if the person is unable to pay for the test; or
- 9           (2) Furnished free of charge to the attending physician of  
10                a person in need of a test, if the person is unable to  
11                pay for the test, for use in the diagnosis or  
12                treatment of the person."

13           SECTION 3. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to article 10A to be  
15 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

16           "§431:10A-       Public health emergency testing. In the  
17 event of a declared public health emergency, as defined in  
18 section   -1, each individual or group accident and health or  
19 sickness insurance policy issued or renewed in this State after  
20 January 1, 2022, shall provide to the policyholder and insured



1 dependents of the policyholder coverage for the relevant  
2 diagnostic and antibody testing."

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii State Association of Counties Package; Public Health Emergency; Testing; Insurance; Individual Insurance; Group Accident Insurance; Health or Sickness Insurance; Insurance Policy

**Description:**

Requires the State, in a declared public health emergency, to provide diagnostic and antibody tests free of charge to persons who are unable to pay for tests. Mandates health insurance coverage for diagnostic and antibody tests in the event of a declared public health emergency.

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