
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AN EARLY LUNG
CANCER SCREENING WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS OF
THE EARLY LUNG CANCER SCREENING TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO ACT 162, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2022.

1 WHEREAS, according to the federal Centers for Disease
2 Control and Prevention, lung cancer is the leading cause of
3 cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to a recent report from the American
6 Lung Association, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer
7 death for men and women in Hawaii; and
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9 WHEREAS, the American Lung Association's report also ranks
10 Hawaii last in the nation for the early diagnosis of lung
11 cancer; and
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13 WHEREAS, Act 162, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 162),
14 established the Early Lung Cancer Screening Task Force within
15 the Department of Health to research the steps and resources
16 necessary to increase early lung cancer screening in Hawaii; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Health submitted a January 2023
19 progress report to the Legislature indicating that the initial
20 meeting of the Early Lung Cancer Screening Task Force has been
21 delayed due to changes in leadership in various state and county
22 departments; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Early Lung Cancer Screening Task Force is
25 scheduled to sunset on July 31, 2023; and
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27 WHEREAS, additional time is needed to ensure that the
28 activities required by Act 162 are carried out to address and
29 reduce the impact lung cancer has on Hawaii's diverse
30 population; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2023, that the Department of Health is requested to
4 convene an Early Lung Cancer Screening Working Group to continue
5 the efforts of the Early Lung Cancer Screening Task Force
6 established pursuant to Act 162, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, in
7 researching the steps and resources necessary to increase early
8 lung cancer screening in Hawaii; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are
11 requested to serve as members of the Early Lung Cancer Screening
12 Working Group:

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- 14 (1) A representative from the Office of the Governor, to
15 be appointed by the Governor;
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- 17 (2) A representative from the Senate, to be appointed by
18 the President of the Senate;
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- 20 (3) A representative from the House of Representatives, to
21 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives;
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- 24 (4) A representative from the Department of Health to be
25 appointed by the Governor;
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- 27 (5) A representative from the Department of Human Services
28 to be appointed by the Governor;
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- 30 (6) A representative from the University of Hawaii John A.
31 Burns School of Medicine to be appointed by the
32 Governor;
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- 34 (7) A representative from the University of Hawaii Cancer
35 Center to be appointed by the Governor; and
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- 37 (8) A representative from each county to be appointed by
38 the respective Mayor of each county; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the abovementioned members of
41 the Early Lung Cancer Screening Working Group are requested to
42 select a chairperson from amongst themselves; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the Early Lung Cancer Screening Working Group is requested to invite the following individuals to become members of the Working Group:

- (1) A representative from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (2) A representative from each health insurer operating in the State, including TRICARE;
- (3) A representative from each health care system operating in the State, including but not limited to The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Pacific Health, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, federally qualified health centers, Native Hawaiian health centers, and Tripler Army Medical Center;
- (4) A representative from the American Lung Association;
- (5) A representative from an organization that offers services to cancer patients and their families;
- (6) A representative from the Hawaii Primary Care Association;
- (7) At least one representative from an organization representing health care providers with relevant expertise on lung cancer screening; and
- (8) Any other members, including representatives from state agencies, stakeholders, or advocates, as recommended by a majority of the Working Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening Working Group is requested to:

- (1) Review all available research, studies, and models for increasing early lung cancer screening rates in the State;



1 (2) Conduct or initiate new studies as the Working Group
2 deems necessary; and

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4 (3) Create a public awareness campaign to inform Hawaii
5 residents about early lung cancer screening; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening
8 Working Group is requested to submit an interim report of its
9 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
10 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
11 to the Regular Session of 2024; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening
14 Working Group is requested to submit a final report of its
15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, to the Legislature no later than July 31, 2024; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening
19 Working Group is requested to include in its report:

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21 (1) An analysis of the costs associated with early lung
22 cancer screening;

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24 (2) A list of qualified facilities in the State that
25 perform lung cancer screenings;

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27 (3) Protocols for health care providers and health care
28 systems to identify populations at high risk for lung
29 cancer;

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31 (4) An explanation of how health care providers are made
32 aware of available insurance coverage for early lung
33 cancer screenings;

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35 (5) Copies of guidelines used by health insurance
36 providers to determine coverage for early lung cancer
37 screening;

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39 (6) A discussion of cultural and social barriers
40 associated with lung cancer screenings;
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- 1 (7) Policy recommendations for increasing early lung
- 2 cancer screenings; and
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- 4 (8) A work plan that identifies the steps needed in the
- 5 next five years to increase lung cancer screenings in
- 6 the State; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening
 9 Working Group be dissolved on July 31, 2024; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
 13 Governor, Director of Health, Director of Human Services, Dean
 14 of the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of
 15 Hawaii at Manoa, Director of the University of Hawaii Cancer
 16 Center, mayors of the City and County of Honolulu and the
 17 counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, Hospital Commander of
 18 Tripler Army Medical Center, President and Chief Executive
 19 Officer of The Queen's Health Systems, President and Chief
 20 Executive Officer of Hawaii Pacific Health, President of Kaiser
 21 Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals of Hawaii, President of
 22 Hawaii Medical Service Association, Executive Director for the
 23 American Lung Association in Hawaii, and Chief Executive Officer
 24 of the Hawaii Primary Care Association.

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