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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 **"S346- State-funded assistance for colorectal cancer**

5 **screenings.** (a) The department shall provide state-funded  
6 financial assistance, as appropriated by the legislature, to pay  
7 for colorectal cancer screenings for residents of the State who:

8 (1) Are uninsured;

9 (2) Have health care coverage that does not provide

10 coverage without cost sharing for colorectal cancer

11 screenings that meet the requirements of sections

12 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617;

13 (3) Are permanent United States resident aliens but are

14 ineligible for medicaid; or

15 (4) Are nonresident aliens and are ineligible for

16 medicaid.



1       (b) The state-funded colorectal cancer screenings shall  
2 meet the requirements of sections 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617."

3       SECTION 2. Section 431:10A-122, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
4 is amended to read as follows:

5       "~~{}§431:10A-122{}~~ ~~Colon~~ **Colorectal cancer screening**  
6 **coverage.** (a) Each policy of accident and health or sickness  
7 insurance providing coverage for health care, except for  
8 policies that only provide coverage for specified diseases or  
9 other limited benefit coverage, shall provide coverage for  
10 ~~colorectal cancer~~ colorectal cancer screening by all A and B  
11 grade screening modalities as recommended by the United States  
12 Preventive Services Task Force.

13       (b) For purposes of this section, all coverage for  
14 colorectal cancer screenings shall be consistent with the  
15 Affordable Care Act implementation frequently asked questions  
16 published by the United States Department of Labor, United  
17 States Department of Health and Human Services, and United  
18 States Department of the Treasury.

19       ~~(b)~~ (c) Beginning March 1, 2011, all health insurance  
20 providers in Hawaii shall inform their insured about the risk  
21 associated with undiagnosed ~~colorectal cancer~~ colorectal



1    cancer and encourage the insured to consult with the insured's  
2    physician about available screening options."

3       SECTION 3. Section 432:1-617, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4    amended to read as follows:

5       "[§432:1-617] ~~Colon~~ Colorectal cancer screening  
6    **coverage.** (a) All individual and group hospital and medical  
7    service contracts providing health care coverage shall provide  
8    coverage for ~~colorectal cancer~~ colorectal cancer screening by  
9    all A and B grade screening modalities as recommended by the  
10   United States Preventive Services Task Force.

11       (b) For purposes of this section, all coverage for  
12   colorectal cancer screenings shall be consistent with the  
13   Affordable Care Act implementation frequently asked questions  
14   published by the United States Department of Labor, United  
15   States Department of Health and Human Services, and United  
16   States Department of the Treasury.

17       [+] (c) Beginning March 1, 2011, all health insurance  
18   providers in Hawaii shall inform their insured of the risk  
19   associated with undiagnosed colorectal cancer and encourage the  
20   insured to consult with the insured's physician about available  
21   screening options."



1 SECTION 4. (a) The department of human services shall  
2 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
3 implement section 1 of this Act, including rules establishing an  
4 application process for state-funded colorectal cancer  
5 screenings.

6 (b) In adopting rules pursuant to this Act, the department  
7 shall ensure that:

8 (1) The state-funded colorectal cancer screenings meet the  
9 requirements of sections 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617,  
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
11 (2) No cost-sharing requirements are imposed.

12 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
15 the department of human services to develop and implement a  
16 public assistance program offering state-funded colorectal  
17 cancer screenings.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 human services for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2859

**Report Title:**

DHS; Colorectal Cancer Screenings; State-Funded Public Assistance; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a public assistance program offering state-funded colorectal screenings for certain persons. Requires coverage for all colorectal cancer screenings in the State to be consistent with the Affordable Care Act Implementation Frequently Asked Questions published by the United States Department of Labor, United States Department of Health and Human Services, and United States Department of the Treasury.

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