

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1969
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness,
to which was referred H.B. No. 1969 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide state-funded
financial assistance for colorectal cancer screenings to residents
of the State, under certain conditions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Primary Care Association; America Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network; Hawaii Medical Association; Fight
Colorectal Cancer; and numerous individuals. Your Committees
received comments on this measure from the Department of Human
Services; Department of Health; and Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs.

Your Committees find that colorectal cancer is the second
leading cause of cancer in Hawaii and the second leading cause of
cancer deaths nationwide. Your Committees further find that
screening is vital for the early detection of colorectal cancer,
which is one of the most preventable and treatable cancers when
detected early. However, not all residents of Hawaii have access
to health insurance that provides no-cost colorectal cancer
screening. This measure will improve health outcomes for all



Hawaii residents by ensuring all persons are able to receive regular screenings for colorectal cancer.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language requiring coverage for colorectal cancer screenings to be consistent with the Affordable Care Act Implementation Frequently Asked Questions;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

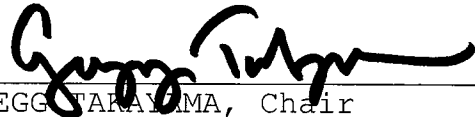
Your Committees respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,800,000 and the establishment of one full-time equivalent position to administer the screening program.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1969, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services & Homelessness,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



GREGG TANAYAMA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1969	Committee Referral: HLT/HDH, CPC, FIN	Date: Feb 4, 2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	X			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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1. MARTEN, Lisa (C)	X			
2. OLDS, Ikaika (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	X			
5. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	X			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	X			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
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