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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1321

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 9, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 9, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1969, H.D. 2, S.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER.
ACT 219

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER.

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

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

"§346- State-funded financial assistance for colorectal cancer screenings; treatment. (a) The department shall provide state-funded financial assistance, as appropriated by the legislature, to pay for colorectal cancer screenings for residents of the State who:

(1) Are uninsured;

(2) Have health care coverage that does not provide coverage without cost sharing for colorectal cancer screenings that meet the requirements of sections 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617;

(3) Are permanent United States resident aliens but are ineligible for medicaid; or

(4) Are nonresident aliens and are ineligible for medicaid.



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

3 (c) If, as a result of a colorectal cancer screening
4 conducted pursuant to this section, an uninsured resident of the
5 State requires treatment for colorectal cancer, the uninsured
6 resident shall receive state-funded coverage for the colorectal
7 cancer treatment."

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

10 "[~~§~~§431:10A-122[~~]-Colon~~] Colorectal cancer screening
11 coverage. (a) Each policy of accident and health or sickness
12 insurance providing coverage for health care, except for
13 policies that only provide coverage for specified diseases or
14 other limited benefit coverage, shall provide coverage for
15 [~~colorectal cancer~~] colorectal cancer screening by all A and B
16 grade screening modalities as recommended by the United States
17 Preventive Services Task Force.

18 (b) Beginning March 1, 2011, all health insurance
19 providers in Hawaii shall inform their insured about the risk
20 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 (c) Coverage shall include a follow-up colonoscopy
4 conducted after a positive stool-based test, blood-based test,
5 or direct visualization test for colorectal cancer screening.

6 (d) The coverage required under this section shall not be
7 subject to a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other
8 cost-sharing requirements."

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

11 "[~~§~~432:1-617~~]-Colon~~ Colorectal cancer screening
12 coverage. (a) All individual and group hospital and medical
13 service contracts providing health care coverage shall provide
14 coverage for [~~colorectal cancer~~] colorectal cancer screening by
15 all A and B grade screening modalities as recommended by the
16 United States Preventive Services Task Force.

17 (b) Beginning March 1, 2011, all [~~health insurance~~
18 ~~providers~~] mutual benefit societies in Hawaii shall inform their
19 [~~insured~~] subscribers or members of the risk associated with
20 undiagnosed colorectal cancer and encourage the [~~insured~~]
21 subscriber or member to consult with the [~~insured's~~]



1 subscriber's or member's physician about available screening
2 options.

3 (c) Coverage shall include a follow-up colonoscopy
4 conducted after a positive stool-based test, blood-based test,
5 or direct visualization test for colorectal cancer screening.

6 (d) The coverage required under this section shall not be
7 subject to a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other
8 cost-sharing requirements."

9 SECTION 4. (a) The department of human services shall
10 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
11 implement section 1 of this Act, including rules establishing an
12 application process for state-funded colorectal cancer
13 screenings and treatment.

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

16 (1) The state-funded colorectal cancer screenings meet the
17 requirements of sections 431:10A-122 and 432:1-617,
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

19 (2) No cost-sharing requirements are imposed.

20 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,800,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the
2 department of human services to develop and implement a public
3 assistance program offering state-funded colorectal cancer
4 screenings and treatment, including the establishment of one
5 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to manage and oversee
6 the program.

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

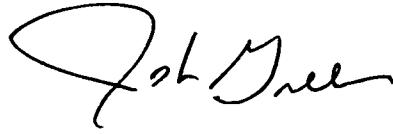
9 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



H.B. NO. 1969
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APPROVED this 9th day of July, 2026

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1969, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.

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Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Takeshita", with a stylized, cursive script.

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2026.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate