

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: H.B. No. 1969
H.D. 2

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs 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 Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Medical Association; Hawaii Radiological Society;
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Hawai'i Primary Care
Association; American College of Gastroenterology; Fight
Colorectal Cancer; and numerous individuals. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Health
and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that colorectal cancer is one of the
most preventable and treatable cancers when detected early.
Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in
the State. This measure funds a publicly assisted colorectal
cancer screening program for uninsured residents to have access to
colorectal cancer screening and help avoid significant late-stage
treatment costs.



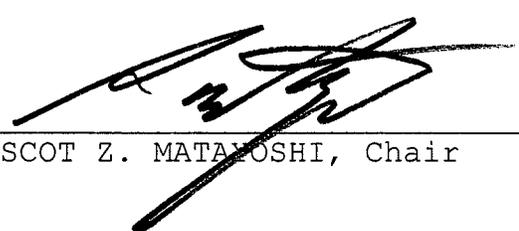
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring coverage under this measure to include a follow-up colonoscopy after a positive stool-based test, blood test, or direct visualization test; and
- (2) Specifying that coverage required by this measure is not subject to a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other cost-sharing requirements.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,800,000 and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



