

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3617**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 09 2026**

RE: H.B. No. 1969  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase access to colorectal cancer screenings and treatments for Hawaii residents.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires, and appropriates moneys to, the Department of Human Services to provide financial assistance to pay for colorectal cancer screenings for Hawaii residents who are uninsured, have health care coverage that does not provide coverage without cost sharing for colorectal cancer screenings, are permanent United States resident aliens but are ineligible for Medicaid, or are nonresident aliens and are ineligible for Medicaid; and
- (2) Requires certain health care insurance policies to include coverage for a follow-up colonoscopy conducted after a positive stool-based test, blood-based test, or direct visualization test for colorectal cancer



screening, without requiring a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirement.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Hawaii Medical Association, Fight Colorectal Cancer, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, and Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Hawaii, responsible for approximately two hundred sixty deaths each year. These deaths are largely preventable with timely, equitable access to colorectal cancer screenings. This measure increases access to these screenings for uninsured and underinsured Hawaii residents, thereby saving lives and reducing long-term costs to the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1969, HD2, SD1	CPN, WAM	4/6/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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