
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AN EARLY LUNG
CANCER SCREENING WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS OF
THE EARLY LUNG CANCER SCREENING TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO ACT 162, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2022.

1 WHEREAS, according to the federal Centers for Disease
2 Control and Prevention, lung cancer is the leading cause of
3 cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to a recent report from the American
6 Lung Association, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer
7 death for men and women in Hawaii; and
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9 WHEREAS, the American Lung Association's report also ranks
10 Hawaii last in the nation for the early diagnosis of lung
11 cancer; and
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13 WHEREAS, Act 162, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 162),
14 established the Early Lung Cancer Screening Task Force within
15 the Department of Health to research the steps and resources
16 necessary to increase early lung cancer screening in Hawaii; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Health submitted a January 2023
19 progress report to the Legislature indicating that the initial
20 meeting of the Early Lung Cancer Screening Task Force has been
21 delayed due to changes in leadership in various state and county
22 departments; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Early Lung Cancer Screening Task Force is
25 scheduled to sunset on July 31, 2023; and
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27 WHEREAS, additional time is needed to ensure that the
28 activities required by Act 162 are carried out to address and



1 reduce the impact lung cancer has on Hawaii's diverse
2 population; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
7 Health is requested to convene an Early Lung Cancer Screening
8 Working Group to continue the efforts of the Early Lung Cancer
9 Screening Task Force established pursuant to Act 162, Session
10 Laws of Hawaii 2022, in researching the steps and resources
11 necessary to increase early lung cancer screening in Hawaii; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are
14 requested to serve as members of the Early Lung Cancer Screening
15 Working Group:

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- 17 (1) A representative from the Office of the Governor, to
18 be appointed by the Governor;
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- 20 (2) A representative from the Senate, to be appointed by
21 the President of the Senate;
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- 23 (3) A representative from the House of Representatives, to
24 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives;
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- 27 (4) A representative from the Department of Health to be
28 appointed by the Governor;
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- 30 (5) A representative from the Department of Human Services
31 to be appointed by the Governor;
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- 33 (6) A representative from the University of Hawaii John A.
34 Burns School of Medicine to be appointed by the
35 Governor;
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- 37 (7) A representative from the University of Hawaii Cancer
38 Center to be appointed by the Governor; and
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- 40 (8) A representative from each county to be appointed by
41 the respective Mayor of each county; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the abovementioned members of
2 the Early Lung Cancer Screening Working Group are requested to
3 select a chairperson from amongst themselves; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the Early
6 Lung Cancer Screening Working Group is requested to invite the
7 following individuals to become members of the Working Group:
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- 9 (1) A representative from the United States Department of
10 Veterans Affairs;
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- 12 (2) A representative from each health insurer operating in
13 the State, including TRICARE;
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- 15 (3) A representative from each health care system
16 operating in the State, including but not limited to
17 The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Pacific Health,
18 Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, federally qualified health
19 centers, Native Hawaiian health centers, and Tripler
20 Army Medical Center;
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- 22 (4) A representative from the American Lung Association;
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- 24 (5) A representative from an organization that offers
25 services to cancer patients and their families;
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- 27 (6) A representative from the Hawaii Primary Care
28 Association;
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- 30 (7) At least one representative from an organization
31 representing health care providers with relevant
32 expertise on lung cancer screening; and
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- 34 (8) Any other members, including representatives from
35 state agencies, stakeholders, or advocates, as
36 recommended by a majority of the Working Group; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening
39 Working Group is requested to:
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- 1 (1) Review all available research, studies, and models for
2 increasing early lung cancer screening rates in the
3 State;
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- 5 (2) Conduct or initiate new studies as the Working Group
6 deems necessary; and
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- 8 (3) Create a public awareness campaign to inform Hawaii
9 residents about early lung cancer screening; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening
12 Working Group is requested to submit an interim report of its
13 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
14 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
15 to the Regular Session of 2024; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening
18 Working Group is requested to submit a final report of its
19 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
20 legislation, to the Legislature no later than July 31, 2024; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening
23 Working Group is requested to include in its report:

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- 25 (1) An analysis of the costs associated with early lung
26 cancer screening;
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- 28 (2) A list of qualified facilities in the State that
29 perform lung cancer screenings;
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- 31 (3) Protocols for health care providers and health care
32 systems to identify populations at high risk for lung
33 cancer;
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- 35 (4) An explanation of how health care providers are made
36 aware of available insurance coverage for early lung
37 cancer screenings;
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- 39 (5) Copies of guidelines used by health insurance
40 providers to determine coverage for early lung cancer
41 screening;
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- 1 (6) A discussion of cultural and social barriers
- 2 associated with lung cancer screenings;
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- 4 (7) Policy recommendations for increasing early lung
- 5 cancer screenings; and
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- 7 (8) A work plan that identifies the steps needed in the
- 8 next five years to increase lung cancer screenings in
- 9 the State; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Lung Cancer Screening

12 Working Group be dissolved on July 31, 2024; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of

16 Veterans Affairs, Governor, Director of Health, Director of

17 Human Services, Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine at

18 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Director of the University of

19 Hawaii Cancer Center, mayors of the City and County of Honolulu

20 and the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, Hospital Commander

21 of Tripler Army Medical Center, President and Chief Executive

22 Officer of The Queen's Health Systems, President and Chief

23 Executive Officer of Hawaii Pacific Health, President of Kaiser

24 Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals of Hawaii, President of

25 Hawaii Medical Service Association, Executive Director for the

26 American Lung Association in Hawaii, and Chief Executive Officer

27 of the Hawaii Primary Care Association.

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