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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish  
2 procedures to allow the State to have electronic benefits  
3 transfer cards to include on the face of the card a photo of the  
4 cardholder.

5           SECTION 2. By January 1, 2013, the director of human  
6 services shall seek a federal waiver from the United States  
7 Department of Agriculture to allow the State to include on the  
8 face of every electronic benefits transfer card a photo of the  
9 cardholder.

10           By January 1, 2013, the state department of human services  
11 shall provide the legislature with an estimate of the cost,  
12 pursuant to the potential federal waiver, of:

13           (1) Replacing every still-valid electronic benefits  
14 transfer card with a card that contains on its face a  
15 photo of the cardholder;

16           (2) "Phasing in" new photo identification cards issued  
17 under any current contract with any current electronic  
18 benefits transfer card vendor; and



1 (3) Implementing photo identification cards pursuant to  
 2 the federal waiver through a new request for proposals  
 3 once the contract with any current electronic benefits  
 4 transfer card vendor expires.

5 If the federal waiver is received, the legislature shall  
 6 determine whether to implement the federal waiver based upon the  
 7 cost findings.

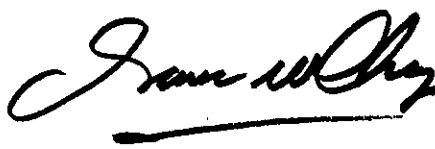
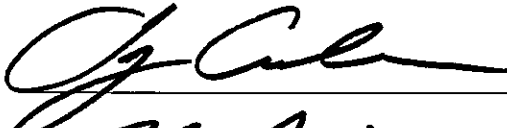

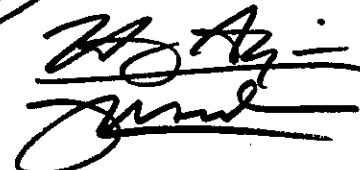
8 SECTION 3. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
 10 and to read as follows:

11 "§346- Identification for electronic benefits transfer  
 12 transactions. In the absence of a photo of the cardholder on an  
 13 electronic benefits transfer card, the cardholder shall present  
 14 photo identification to cashiers at food retailers, bank  
 15 tellers, or authorized officials at the point-of-sale when  
 16 making a transaction. If no photo identification is provided by  
 17 the cardholder, the transaction may be declined."

18 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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# H.B. NO. 2775

**Report Title:**

Electronic Benefits Transfer Card; Photo Identification; Point-Of-Sale

**Description:**

Requires federal waiver to be sought and cost study to be conducted regarding the inclusion of the cardholder's photo on electronic benefits transfer cards. Requires the cardholder whose electronic benefits card lacks a photo to present a photo identification for certain transactions. Effective July 1, 2012.

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