

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1040

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2011

RE: S.B. No. 125
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 125, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish an employment training and placement program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (Program). Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Requires the Program to be administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DOE) and Department of Health (DOH);
- (2) Specifies the Program's target population as individuals between the ages of 16 and 65, with priority given to transitional youth between the ages of 16 and 22;
- (3) Requires DHS to seek a Medicaid waiver to provide funding for the Program; and
- (4) Appropriates funds to be matched by federal funds.

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Lanakila Pacific, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.

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The State Council on Developmental Disabilities supported the intent of this measure. DHS and DOH opposed this bill. A concerned individual provided comments.

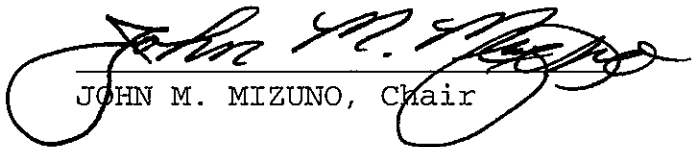
Your Committee notes concerns raised by DHS and DOH that the program created by this measure may be duplicative of existing programs. Concerns were also raised regarding cost and the effects on Medicaid waivers. DOH recommended that the Center for Disabilities Studies form a task force to identify better collaborative solutions to existing programs that will increase employment and maximize the effectiveness of funding. Nonetheless, your Committee believes this measure should be further explored, particularly given the testimony provided in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2075, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 125, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 125, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



