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S.B. 2833, Relating to Employment Exemption for Domestic Services for Persons with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

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- 1 **Department's Position:** The department strongly supports this administration proposal.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** S.B. 2833 will amend Chapter 383-7, 386-1, 392-5, and 393-5, Hawaii
- 4 Revised Statutes, to exempt recipients of state funded social service payments to developmental and
- 5 intellectual disabilities from providing unemployment insurance, workers compensation, temporary
- 6 disability insurance, and pre-paid health care.
- 7 S.B. 2833 will provide clarification by exempting recipients of the Department of Human Services state-
- 8 funded home and community based services from having to provide unemployment insurance, workers
- 9 compensation, temporary disability insurance, and pre-paid health care. This exemption will allow
- 10 flexibility for individuals receiving state funded medical assistance but, ineligible for Medicaid (Home
- 11 and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver program). These individuals will not have to pay
- 12 those fees when service is performed by an independent contractor or employee of the individual.
- 13 The Department of Health supports S.B. 2833 as it will allow individuals with developmental and
- 14 intellectual disabilities greater access to needed services and the flexibility in obtaining such services.
- 15 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

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