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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRUG TESTING FOR WELFARE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
RECIPIENTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it may be beneficial  
2 to require some recipients of public assistance to submit to  
3 drug testing in order to qualify for or to maintain eligibility  
4 for benefits. This may help to ensure that only those who do  
5 not use illegal drugs or those willing to seek treatment are  
6 participating in public assistance programs, and that scarce  
7 public resources are going to the provision of necessities like  
8 food, utilities, and housing instead of enabling addiction.

9           The purpose of this Act to determine the costs and benefits  
10 of instituting drug testing as a requirement for public  
11 assistance programs.

12           SECTION 2. The department of human services shall  
13 undertake a study to determine the costs and benefits of  
14 instituting drug tests as a requirement for participating in  
15 public assistance programs, including the efficacy and legality  
16 of using random drug testing versus drug testing based on



1 probable cause. The department shall report its findings and  
2 recommendations, including recommendations for further  
3 legislative action, to the legislature not later than twenty  
4 days prior to the convening of the 2016 regular session.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Drug Testing; Public Benefits; Report

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Human Services to study and report to the Legislature the costs and benefits of requiring drug testing of public benefit recipients, including comparing the effectiveness and legality of random drug testing versus testing based on probable cause.

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