

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1236  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1236 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist individuals with disabilities in improving their employment opportunities and obtaining employment by establishing a Medicaid Buy-in Program that affords these individuals with expanded access to Medicaid. This measure also establishes and appropriates funds to the Department of Health to implement a Medicaid Buy-in Pilot Program.

Ohana Health Plan, Lanakila Pacific, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Health and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Human Services and the Hawaii Disability Rights Center commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, 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 H.B. No. 1236, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1236, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



