

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3029

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2540
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage individuals with disabilities to gain employment and improve their employment opportunities by implementing a Medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and 'Ohana Health Plan.

Your Committees find that this measure recognizes the importance of employment for the self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities. A Medicaid buy-in program would promote independence and is aligned with the State's workforce development goals. Absence of this type of program creates disincentives for people with disabilities to find employment, retain employment, or increase their income.

Your Committees note and support the Governor's request of \$293,405 in general funds and \$344,155 in federal Medicaid matching funds to implement the Ticket-To-Work program detailed in the executive supplemental budget request. These funds will allow



the Department of Human Services to design and implement the program for the needs of the population with sufficient flexibility in future years to make appropriate adjustments.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair




SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
GREEN, Josh	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				X
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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