

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3139

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2717
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2717, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require rules adopted by the Director of Human Services to apply annual cost of living increases to the asset and income thresholds for Medicaid eligibility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that this measure allows the asset and income thresholds for Medicaid eligibility to increase as living costs increase, which will allow more individuals to become eligible or maintain eligibility for Medicaid while possessing sustainable levels of assets and income.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring the rules determining asset and income thresholds for eligibility for Medicaid assistance to provide for the greater of annual cost of living increases or federal poverty level increases.

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.

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No. 2717, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2717, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2717 HDI	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 3/23/16		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	6	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes