

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3020

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2144  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO MEDICAID,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Public Safety to inform inmates who have one year or less remaining before their parole or release date of the availability of assistance in securing or verifying Medicaid eligibility.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance on Prisons, and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of Public Safety.


Your Committees find that helping inmates transition back into everyday life is a vital component of successful inmate rehabilitation. One of the problems inmates encounter after an extended period of incarceration is a lack of access to appropriate health care coverage. Testimony submitted by the Department of Human Services indicates that Medicaid does not allow inmates to remain enrolled during incarceration. Instead, the Department's Med-Quest Division and the Department of Public



Safety have executed a data-share agreement to allow for file transfers of incarceration and release dates for individuals so that the Medicaid eligibility determination process can begin just prior to release of inmates, thereby helping to facilitate a successful re-entry into the community by the inmate.

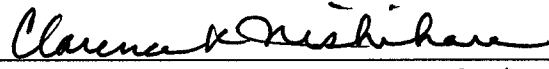
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs and Human Services,



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JOSH GREEN, Chair




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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, 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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
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