

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2266**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2050
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2050 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to implement an earned income disregard program as an intermediate step to implementing a full Medicaid buy-in program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Lanakila Pacific, and Hawaii Disability Rights Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that Act 200, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, established a joint legislative Medicaid Buy-In Task Force to explore the possibility of implementing a Medicaid buy-in program for individuals with disabilities who are either not working or currently working but would like to earn more income. Your Committee further finds that the Medicaid Buy-In Task Force recommended an alternate approach of an interim step to the Medicaid buy-in program for individuals with disabilities to earn income and not lose their Medicaid benefits. While this interim program would not provide the full benefits of a Medicaid buy-in



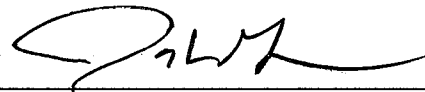
program, it would increase the amount of income an individual could earn while retaining Medicaid eligibility.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) As suggested by the Department of Human Services:
 - (A) Inserting language to allow greater flexibility in determining the income disregard amount;
 - (B) Inserting language to reflect that the earned income disregard program would be contingent on approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and
 - (C) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2050, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2050, 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,



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2050	HMS, WAM	2/5/18		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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