



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2746, S.D. 1, RELATING TO INCOME WITHHOLDING FOR CHILD SUPPORT.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 329

TESTIFIER(S): Russell A. Suzuki, Acting Attorney General, or
Lynette J. Lau, Administrator, Child Support Enforcement
Agency

Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

This bill amends sections 571-52.2, and 576E-16 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes in order to bring the State of Hawaii into compliance with federal law.

Under 42 U.S.C. § 666(b)(6)(D), each state must have in effect laws requiring the imposition of a fine against any employer who (a) discharges from employment, refuses to employ, or takes disciplinary action against any noncustodial parent subject to income withholding or (b) fails to withhold support from income or pay the amounts to a child support agency.

Compliance with this requirement is necessary to maintain eligibility for federal funding of child support enforcement program. In addition, amending the income withholding requirements increases the effectiveness of the income withholding process and protects the obligor parent from employment discrimination due to the income withholding order.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill.

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Testimony for HHS on 3/13/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: