

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 , 2019

RE: S.B. No. 330
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 330, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN EARNED INCOME DISREGARD PROGRAM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to:

- (1) Implement an Earned Income Disregard Program (Program), which disregards an individual's earned income up to an amount equal to 138 percent of the federal poverty line for purposes of determining medicaid eligibility, as an intermediate step to implementing a full Medicaid Buy-in Program; and
- (2) Report to the Legislature with an update of the Program and the viability of implementing a full Medicaid Buy-in Program.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Self Advocates Advisory Council, and an individual supported this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that cites this measure as "Kal's Law";
- (2) Specifying that the Department of Human Services shall disregard income earned by otherwise medicaid-eligible individuals with disabilities who are between the ages of 16 and 64 when determining eligibility for medicaid;
- (3) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 330, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 330, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


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