

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **701**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2019**

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 330 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 allow for an earned income disregard of one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal poverty level for income earned by certain individuals when determining eligibility of those individuals for Medicaid.

This measure also requires the Department of Human Services to evaluate the earned income disregard program and to submit reports to the Legislature prior to the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Regular Sessions.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, Lanakila Pacific, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that many Medicaid beneficiaries do not seek or obtain employment because doing so will reduce their Medicaid benefits. This measure will allow those individuals to



increase their income through part-time employment while retaining their current Medicaid benefits.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 330, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 330, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,




DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB330</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/14/19</b>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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