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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Medicaid buy-in program for workers with
5 disabilities. (a) The department shall adopt the option made
6 available under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the federal
7 Social Security Act.

8 (b) To be eligible for benefits under this section, an
9 individual shall:

10 (1) Have a net countable income greater than two hundred
11 fifty per cent of the federal poverty level for one
12 person or, if the deeming of spousal income applies to
13 the individual, the individual shall have a net
14 countable income greater than two hundred fifty per
15 cent of the federal poverty level for two persons;

16 (2) Be disabled under title II or XVI or section 1902(v)
17 of the federal Social Security Act; provided that an



1 individual shall be determined to be eligible under
2 this section without regard to the individual's
3 ability to engage in, or actual engagement in,
4 substantial gainful activity, as defined in section
5 223(d)(4) of the federal Social Security Act; and
6 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, have net
7 nonexempt resources, which shall be determined in
8 accordance with the methodology used under title XVI
9 of the federal Social Security Act, that are not in
10 excess of the limits provided for under those
11 provisions.

12 Countable income shall be determined under section 1612 of
13 the federal Social Security Act, except that the individual's
14 disability income, including all federal and state disability
15 benefits and private disability insurance, shall be exempted.
16 Resources excluded under section 1613 of the federal Social
17 Security Act shall be disregarded.

18 Resources in the form of employer or individual retirement
19 arrangements authorized under the Internal Revenue Code shall be
20 exempted as authorized by section 1902(r) of the federal Social
21 Security Act.



1 (c) Individuals eligible for benefits under this section
2 shall be subject to the payment of premiums determined under
3 this subsection. The department shall:

4 (1) Establish sliding-scale premiums that are based on
5 countable income, with a minimum premium of \$20 per
6 month and a maximum premium of \$250 per month; and

7 (2) By rule, annually adjust the premiums.

8 Before adjustment of any premiums determined pursuant to this
9 subsection, the department shall submit a report of proposed
10 premium adjustments to the legislature no later than twenty days
11 prior to the convening of each regular session.

12 (d) In order to implement the collection of premiums under
13 this section, the department may:

14 (1) Develop and execute a contract with a public or
15 private entity to collect premiums; or

16 (2) Amend any existing or future premium-collection
17 contract that it has executed.

18 (e) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to
19 chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section, including
20 specifying the process for discontinuance of eligibility under



1 this section for nonpayment of premiums for more than two months
2 by a beneficiary.

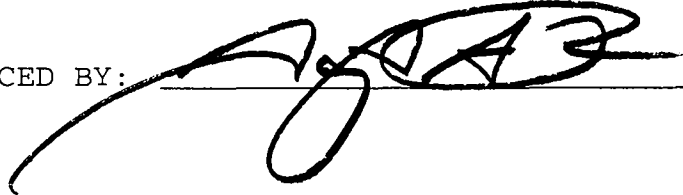
3 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
4 section shall be implemented only if, and to the extent that,
5 the department determines that federal financial participation
6 is available pursuant to title XIX of the federal Social
7 Security Act."

8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 451

Report Title:

DHS; Workers with Disabilities; Medicaid; Buy-in Program

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a Medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities.

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