H.B. NO. 661

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it may be beneficial 2 to require recipients of public assistance to submit to random 3 drug testing in order to qualify for or to maintain their 4 eligibility, or both. This would help to ensure that only 5 people who choose not to use illegal drugs or who are willing to 6 seek treatment are able to participate in public assistance 7 programs.

8 The purpose of this Act to determine the costs and benefits 9 of instituting random drug testing as a requirement for public 10 assistance programs.

SECTION 2. The department of human services shall undertake a study to determine the costs and benefits of instituting random drug tests as a requirement for participating in public assistance programs. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2010 regular session.

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

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### Report Title:

Random Drug Testing; Welfare Applicants; Report

#### Description:

Directs the department of human services to report to the legislature on costs and benefits of requiring random drug testing for recipients of benefits of public assistance programs.

