

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1250

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 8

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 8 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST DIVISION TO IMPLEMENT AN INCOME DISREGARD PROGRAM FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division to implement an income disregard program for workers with disabilities to enable workers with disabilities to seek or maintain employment, while also retaining necessary Medicaid benefits and supports.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and six individuals.

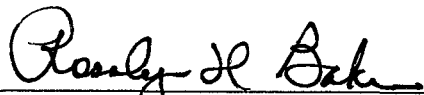
Your Committees find that despite considerable progress being made over the past several decades to remove barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities, additional challenges remain for individuals with disabilities who wish to remain in the workforce, including limited health insurance options. To retain Medicaid coverage, workers with disabilities often must limit their income and assets to poverty levels. Your Committees further find that establishing an income disregard



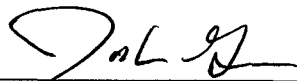
program in the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services would allow Medicaid recipients with disabilities to earn more than would otherwise be possible, while still retaining the Medicaid coverage and services these individuals need to successfully live in the community.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 8 and recommend that it be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair




JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 8	HMS/CPH, JDL/WAM	3/29/17		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

