

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22, 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2050
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2050, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow a person with a disability to work while maintaining Medicaid benefits until secure in employment. Specifically, this measure requires the Department of Human Services to implement an earned income disregard program as an intermediate step to implementing a full Medicaid buy-in program.

The Disability and Communication Access Board, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Aloha State Association of the Deaf, and a few concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee notes that the Director of Human Services declared that no additional appropriation is requested in this measure at this time.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2050, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2050, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



