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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The department of human services shall amend
2 its rules, policies, and plan amendments to ensure that
3 medically necessary services, including applied behavior
4 analysis services, for eligible individuals aged twenty-one
5 years or older with neurodevelopmental disorders, including
6 autism spectrum disorder, are covered under the state's medical
7 program.

8 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
9 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
11 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
12 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
13 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
14 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
15 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
16 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act



1 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
2 ceiling are that:

3 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
4 serve the public interest; and

5 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
6 addressed by this Act.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
10 the department of human services to amend its rules, policies,
11 and plan amendments as required under section 1 of this Act.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 human services for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
17 the Hawaii civil rights commission to enforce anti-disability
18 discrimination laws pursuant to section 368-1.5, Hawaii Revised
19 Statutes, in accordance with this Act.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
21 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2916

Report Title:

DHS; Medicaid; Coverage; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Applied Behavior Analysis; Hawaii Civil Rights Commission; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to amend its rules, policies, and plan amendments necessary to ensure that medically necessary services, including applied behavior analysis services, for individuals twenty-one years of age or older with neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism spectrum disorder are covered under the state's medical program. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.

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