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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE MED-QUEST DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE MEDICAID 1915(C) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER.

1 WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual and developmental
2 disabilities who are eligible for services from the
3 Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Health,
4 are eligible for Medicaid, and who meet the level of care
5 criteria, can apply for the Medicaid 1915(c) Home and
6 Community-Based Services Waiver; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human
9 Services works in partnership with the Developmental
10 Disabilities Division of the Department of Health to design a
11 waiver for Hawaii residents with intellectual and developmental
12 disabilities that is compliant with all waiver requirements,
13 federal and state laws, and waiver standards; and

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15 WHEREAS, under the current administrative rules,
16 individuals are deemed ineligible for the Medicaid 1915(c) Home
17 and Community-Based Services Waiver if the individual's
18 impairments are due to any of several specified conditions,
19 including dementia, mental illness, emotional disorders,
20 substance abuse, sensory impairment, learning disabilities,
21 attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, spinal cord injuries,
22 or neuromuscular disorders; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
26 that the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services
27 and the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of
28 Health are urged to amend its eligibility criteria for the
29 Medicaid 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver to
30 include individuals with an intellectual or a developmental
31 disability and a comorbid mental illness; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, no later than twenty days
2 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026, the
3 Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Health
4 is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of the status
5 of the Department's amendment to the eligibility criteria for
6 the Medicaid 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver to
7 include individuals with an intellectual or a developmental
8 disability and a comorbid mental illness; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and
12 Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of
13 Human Services.

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16 OFFERED BY:



