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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that despite the  
2 enactment of "Kal's Law" through Act 155, Session Laws of Hawaii  
3 2019, the goals of that law have not yet been met. Individuals  
4 with a disability who are already enrolled in medicaid and  
5 depend on medicaid home-based care are not able to advance in  
6 employment if they wish to retain their medicaid benefits. The  
7 legislature further finds that additional clarification is  
8 needed to achieve the intent of Kal's Law.

9       SECTION 2. The department of human services shall allow a  
10 full earned income disregard for individuals with disabilities  
11 who are between the ages of sixteen and sixty-four years when  
12 determining eligibility for medicaid.

13       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon approval by the  
14 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the earned income  
15 disregard program established pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

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**Report Title:**

Medicaid; Department of Human Services; Full Earned Income  
Disregard

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Human Services to allow a full earned income disregard for individuals with disabilities who are between the ages of sixteen and sixty-four years when determining eligibility for Medicaid. Takes effect upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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