

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2164

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 11 2026**

RE: S.B. No. 1139  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1139 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to direct the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to expand Medicaid eligibility to all children in the State from birth to age five years without regard to household income.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, AlohaCare, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, and two individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Executive Office on Early Learning.

Your Committee finds that early access to health care is essential for the healthy growth and development of children. Your Committee further finds that expanding Medicaid eligibility to all children from birth to age five, without regard to



household income, will ensure that every child in the State can receive necessary preventive and primary care. This measure will promote health equity, reduce disparities, and support families in giving their children a healthy start.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount from \$317,000,000 to an unspecified amount to encourage further discussion;
- (2) Updating the fiscal year to reflect the current legislative session; and
- (3) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1139, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1139, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1139</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>1/28/2026</b>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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