



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 5, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1229**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 5, 2018, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2204 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES  
**ACT 128 (18)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that current state  
2 welfare policy often penalizes welfare recipients who seek job  
3 promotions or higher paying career opportunities. Receiving  
4 increased income often causes welfare recipients to lose their  
5 beneficiary status, thus perpetuating financial hardship. The  
6 legislature further finds there is a need to revise the welfare  
7 payment system to allow recipients to advance in their careers  
8 without necessarily losing their beneficiary status.

9           The purpose of this Act is to reestablish the exit and  
10 retention bonus program to encourage welfare recipients to  
11 transition back into the workforce.

12           SECTION 2. The department of human services shall  
13 reestablish the exit and retention bonus program. The program  
14 shall:

15           (1) Be available to recipients who voluntarily terminate  
16 their welfare benefits within a twenty-four month  
17 period and remain out of the welfare system;



1 (2) Provide bonuses available after three, six, twelve,  
2 and twenty-four months, with bonus amounts increasing  
3 for more hours of employment; and

4 (3) Provide a maximum bonus amount over a period of  
5 twenty-four months.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to  
9 reestablish the exit and retention bonus program.

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

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

APPROVED this 05 day of JUL , 2018



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2204, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

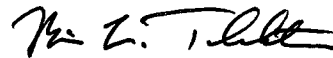
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

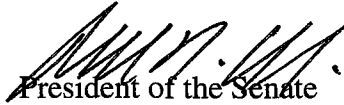


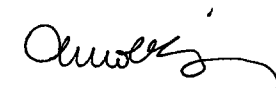
Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2018.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate