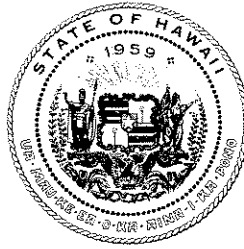


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August 4, 2005

The Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Follow-Up Audit of the Foster Board Payment Program*.

The report assesses the Department of Human Services' progress in improving the State's Foster Board Payment Program, as we recommended in Report No. 94-28, *Management and Financial Audit of the Foster Board Payment Program*.

We found that the Department of Human Services is better managing the Foster Board Payment Program. However, we found that, despite improvements, problems remain.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, [www.state.hi.us/auditor](http://www.state.hi.us/auditor), and release it to the public and press, on Friday, August 5, 2005.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

c:/Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk