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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POST-FOSTER CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that each year
2 approximately one hundred twenty-five foster children reach the
3 age of adulthood and leave the foster care system losing
4 benefits and much-needed assistance, many facing the risk of
5 homelessness. There is an at-risk gap group of young adults
6 that has been identified which encompasses those post-foster
7 care recipients who are between the ages of eighteen to twenty-
8 four as being at the greatest risk and in need of further
9 assistance, job placement, skills training, education, and
10 housing.

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
12 department of human services, office of youth services to
13 establish a program to provide assistance to former Hawaii
14 foster children in need of assistance who fall into this gap
15 group. All funds will be under the direction of the office of
16 youth services' executive director. The director shall use
17 these funds to provide assistance and administrative support to



1 former foster children between the ages of eighteen and twenty-
2 four in the state of Hawaii.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to provide
6 assistance through the department of human services, office of
7 youth services, to former foster children between the ages of
8 eighteen and twenty-four in the areas of job placement, skills
9 training, education, and housing.

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

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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SB. NO. 2474

Report Title:

Appropriation; the Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services

Description:

Appropriates \$200,000 for FY 2006-2007 to the Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services Former Foster Child Assistance Program to assist former foster children between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four in job placement, skills training, education, and housing.

