
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, with many facing the risk
5 of homelessness. This at-risk gap group of young adults, post-
6 foster care recipients who are between the ages of eighteen to
7 twenty-four, are at the greatest risk and in need of further
8 assistance, job placement, skills training, education, and
9 housing.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
11 department of human services for use by the office of youth
12 services to establish a program to provide assistance to former
13 Hawaii foster children who fall into this gap group and are in
14 need of assistance. All funds shall be administered by the
15 executive director of the office of youth services. The
16 director shall use these funds to provide assistance and
17 administrative support to former foster children between the
18 ages of eighteen and twenty-four in the State of Hawaii.



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

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 human services, office of youth services for the purposes of
9 this Act.

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

Report Title:

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

Description:

Appropriates an unspecified amount 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. (SD1)

