
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require that
2 current foster care providers be considered the presumptive
3 choice for adoption of a child placed in their care for more
4 than one year unless it can be shown that it is not in the best
5 interest of the child.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 587, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§587- Foster custody; placement; required procedures.

10 Current foster care providers shall be considered the
11 presumptive choice for adoption, legal guardianship, or
12 permanent custody of any child who is in the permanent custody
13 of the department, and has been placed in the foster home for
14 more than one year, insofar as the child agrees. Prior to the
15 removal of a child in the permanent custody of the department
16 who has been placed with a foster care provider for more than
17 one year, the department shall prove to the family court by a
18 preponderance of the evidence that removal is in the best

Report Title:
Foster Custody

PROPOSED

Description:

Requires that current foster care providers be the presumptive choice for adoption of a child placed in their care for more than one year unless it can be shown that it is not in the best interest of the child. (SD2)

