

JAN 18 2008

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 foster children
2 often need assistance in acquiring independent living skills and
3 transitional housing once they are ready to leave foster care.
4 A high number of foster children end up becoming homeless once
5 they turn eighteen. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate
6 funds to the department of human services to provide independent
7 living skills training and transitional housing for foster
8 children and children being released from foster care.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
12 independent skills training for foster children and children
13 being released from foster care.

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

16 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
17 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum, or so much thereof
 2 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
 3 the department of human services for the purpose of constructing
 4 transitional housing for foster children and children being
 5 released from foster care.

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

8 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
 9 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
 10 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
 11 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
 12 unencumbered as of June 30, 2010, shall lapse as of that date.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of human services for independent living skills training for foster children and children being released from foster care. Authorizes general obligation bonds for transitional housing for foster children and children being released from foster care.

