

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 222-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2043
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD
ALLOWANCE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expand post-secondary
education opportunities for former foster youth by:

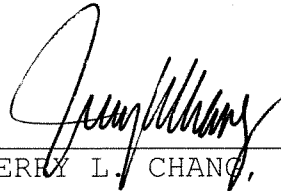
- (1) Increasing to 26 years of age, the age limit for
eligibility for a higher education board allowance;
- (2) Removing the eligibility requirement that a former
foster youth attend or be accepted to attend an
accredited institution of higher learning within one
school year after completing high school;
- (3) Providing former foster youth who are between the ages
of 22 and 26 on July 1, 2008, and who are already
attending or have been accepted to attend an accredited
institution of higher learning, the opportunity to apply
for a higher education board allowance within a year;
and
- (4) Extending the maximum benefit length to 60 cumulative
months.



The Department of Human Services, Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Foster Parent Association, Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition, Children's Alliance of Hawaii, and several former and current foster youth testified in support of this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2043, HD1	Committee Referral: HSH, HED, FIN	Date: 02/05/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)	✓			
2. BERTRAM, Joe, III (VC)				✓
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.	✓			
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
6. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
8. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
9. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
11. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
TOTAL (13)	11	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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