

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2246  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services & Housing and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2246, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg 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 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, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., Hawaii Foster Parent Association, Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Foster Family Programs of Hawaii, Hale Kipa, Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition, and many concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.

Your Committees note that DHS is not requesting additional funding to implement this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services & Housing and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2246, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services &  
Housing and Higher Education,

  
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JERRY L. CHANG, Chair

  
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MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair






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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2246, SD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HS4/HED, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/13/08</b>		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>2</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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