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# 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 for clients of the  
2 department of human services who are receiving child welfare  
3 services, the transfer from one case worker to another without  
4 notice to the client places added burdens on children, parents,  
5 and caregivers. This is particularly true when custody issues  
6 are involved.

7           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
8 human services to provide written notification to the client  
9 when the client has been transferred from one case worker to  
10 another.

11           SECTION 2. Section 346-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13           "**§346-51 Public assistance and child welfare services**  
14 **administered by department.** (a) The department [~~of human~~  
15 ~~services~~] shall administer public assistance and child welfare  
16 services in the several counties except for payments  
17 administered under the Federal Supplemental Security Income  
18 Program or its successor agency. No person shall be denied the



1 right to petition the department for additional assistance as  
2 established under section 346-53(f).

3 (b) If a client who is receiving child welfare services  
4 under subsection (a) is transferred by the department from one  
5 case worker to another case worker, the department shall notify  
6 the client in writing of the transfer. The notice shall be  
7 placed in the file of the client."

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Human Services; Child Welfare Case Workers

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Human Services to provide written notification to each client of the transfer of the client from one case worker to another. (HB2149 HD1)

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