

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 13

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2009

RE: S.B. No. 186

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 186 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOSTER CARE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the monthly board rate for foster care services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from six individuals. The Department of Human Services submitted testimony opposing the measure.

Your Committee finds that the monthly board rate for foster care services has not been raised since 1990, and that the failure to increase the rate has made it difficult for foster families to provide food, housing, utilities, clothing, and other necessary items to their foster children.

Your Committee further finds that increasing the monthly board rates provided to foster care and adoptive parents by one hundred dollars per month would cost the State an additional \$9,600,000 per fiscal year. In recognition of the State's current financial condition, your Committee finds that this measure should be used as a vehicle to utilize a portion of the moneys included in the proposed federal economic stimulus package, if any, for the purposes of the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 186 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 186	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/5/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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