
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONSIDER
IMPLEMENTING A COMPUTER APPLICATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH WHO
ARE TRANSITIONING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the transition from foster care to adulthood is a
2 very difficult path for many former foster care individuals; and
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4 WHEREAS, former foster youth frequently leave foster care
5 with little more than paper copies of essential personal
6 information; and
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8 WHEREAS, former foster youth may not have a permanent
9 living arrangement established and may move from house to house,
10 and in this process may lose their vital documents; and
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12 WHEREAS, losing vital documents may present obstacles to
13 former foster youth when applying for a job, completing an
14 application to college, or receiving medical care; and
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16 WHEREAS, to address this challenge, CGI, a leading
17 information technology and business process services provider,
18 developed a computer application; and
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20 WHEREAS, this secure, password-protected, web-based foster
21 youth computer application can be accessed from any computer;
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24 WHEREAS, this computer application houses a foster youth's
25 health and education information and personal and professional
26 contacts, and allows for the upload and storage of personal
27 documents such as a copy of a birth certificate, social security
28 card, and resume; and
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30 WHEREAS, CGI is seeking a partnership with a state
31 department that would be interested in implementing this
32 computer application on a statewide basis; and



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WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is the state department that provides independent living services to assist and support foster youth with their transition from foster care to adult self-sufficiency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Human Services is encouraged to consider partnering with CGI to implement a computer application throughout the State's foster care system as a means to assist and support foster youth with their successful transition out of foster care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services, Executive Director of Mental Health America of Hawai'i, and members of the Hawaii Transition Age Youth Task Force.