
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, a leading information
17 technology and business process services provider, developed a
18 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, a leading information technology and business
31 process services provider is seeking a partnership with a state



1 department that would be interested in implementing this
2 computer application on a statewide basis; and

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

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Human
12 Services is encouraged to consider partnering with a leading
13 information technology and business process services provider
14 to implement a computer application throughout the State's
15 foster care system as a means to assist and support foster youth
16 with their successful transition out of foster care; and

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

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