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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONSIDER
IMPLEMENTING THE MY SAFE DRAWER 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 My Safe Drawer; and
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20 WHEREAS, My Safe Drawer is a secure, password-protected,
21 web-based application that can be accessed from any computer;
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24 WHEREAS, My Safe Drawer houses a foster youth's health and
25 education information and personal and professional contacts,
26 and allows for the upload and storage of personal documents such
27 as a copy of a birth certificate, social security card, and
28 resume; and
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30 WHEREAS, CGI is seeking a partnership with a state
31 department that would be interested in implementing My Safe
32 Drawer on a statewide basis; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is the state
2 department that provides independent living services to assist
3 and support foster youth with their transition from foster care
4 to adult self-sufficiency; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
8 that the Department of Human Services is encouraged to consider
9 partnering with CGI
10 to implement My Safe Drawer throughout the State's foster care
11 system as a means to assist and support foster youth with their
12 successful transition out of foster care; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services,
16 Executive Director of Mental Health America of Hawai'i, and
17 members of the Hawaii Transition Age Youth Task Force.
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