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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOSTER YOUTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§346-       Housing assistance program for former foster  
5 youth. (a) The department may develop and administer a program  
6 to assist former foster youth in understanding the housing  
7 options available to them and accessing appropriate housing  
8 options as necessary once a former foster youth has attained  
9 eighteen years of age. The housing assistance program shall, at  
10 minimum:

- 11           (1) Identify and maintain a registry, for program use, of  
12 former foster youth who have attained eighteen years  
13 of age;
- 14           (2) Notify former foster youth of the program and the  
15 services that can be accessed within the program;
- 16           (3) Provide former foster youth with information regarding  
17 any available housing options, including public



1           housing, federal and state rental assistance programs,  
2           and federal and state housing programs;

3           (4) Assist former foster youth to obtain and complete any  
4           necessary documentation required to access any  
5           available housing options, including the programs  
6           referred to in paragraph (3); and

7           (5) Provide former foster youth with counseling and  
8           guidance regarding housing issues.

9           (b) In developing and implementing the housing assistance  
10          program, the department shall consult and coordinate with other  
11          relevant state agencies, including the Hawaii public housing  
12          authority and the Hawaii housing finance and development  
13          corporation.

14          (c) As used in this section, "former foster youth" shall  
15          have the same meaning as in section 346-16.

16          (d) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
17          91, including standards and procedures, to effectuate the  
18          purposes of this section."

19           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the



1 department of human services to develop and administer a housing  
2 assistance program for former foster youth.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 human services for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

Former Foster Youth; Housing; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Human Services to develop and administer a program assisting former foster youth with housing options. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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