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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FORMER 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-\_\_\_\_\_ Medical assistance for former foster youth. (a)

5 A former foster youth who has reached the age of majority shall  
6 be eligible for medical assistance as administered by the  
7 department. The department shall automatically enroll such  
8 former foster youth in an appropriate medical assistance  
9 program, and shall provide automatic re-enrollment until such  
10 former foster youth reaches the age of twenty-one.

11           (b) Upon enrollment, the department shall notify the  
12 former foster youth of enrollment and provide written  
13 instructions for accessing medical care.

14           (c) The department shall develop a program to assist  
15 former foster youth who are twenty-one years of age and older  
16 maintain continued medical care coverage.

17           (d) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
18 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section."



1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Former Foster Youth; Medical Assistance

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Human Services to automatically enroll foster youth who age out of the system in an appropriate medical assistance program and automatically re-enroll these foster youth until they reach age twenty-one. Also requires the Department of Human Services to develop a program to assist these foster youth to maintain continuing medical care coverage after the age of twenty-one.

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