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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 shall develop and administer a
6 program to assist former foster youth to understand the housing
7 options available to them and access appropriate housing options
8 as necessary once a former foster youth has attained eighteen
9 years of age. The housing assistance program shall, at minimum:
- 10 (1) Identify former foster youth who have attained
11 eighteen years of age and maintain a registry for
12 program use;
- 13 (2) Notify former foster youth of the program and the
14 services that can be accessed within the program;
- 15 (3) Provide former foster youth with information regarding
16 any available housing options, including public
17 housing, federal and state rental assistance programs,
18 and federal and state housing programs;



1 (4) Assist former foster youth to obtain any necessary
2 documentation required to access any of the programs
3 referred to in paragraph (3);

4 (5) Assist former foster youth to fill out any forms or
5 registration necessary to access any available housing
6 options; and

7 (6) 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 and finance 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 \$ 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 upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Former Foster Youth; Housing

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to develop and administer a program assisting former foster youth with housing options.

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