

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2217

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2589

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2589 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOSTER YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to automatically enroll former foster youth in an appropriate medical assistance program and automatically re-enroll former foster youth until they reach the age of twenty-six.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Epic 'Ohana, Inc.; Family Programs Hawai'i; the Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition; the Hawaii Youth Services Network; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that medical coverage is something that is vital for everyone, but even more so for the former foster youth population. When young adults lack medical coverage, it can result in serious harm from untreated illness or injury, inappropriate use of emergency medical services, and unnecessary costs. Your Committee further finds that under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, beginning in 2014, individuals who aged out of foster care and are younger than twenty-six years of age will be eligible for Medicaid.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2589 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2589</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HMS, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2-9-12</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Les Ihara Jr.</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes