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TO: Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Rep. Jo Jordan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

HEARING: Thursday, March 15, 2012, 9:00 am  
Conference Room 329

FROM: Linda Santos  
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RE: SB 2589

As the President and CEO for Family Programs Hawai'i, I thank you for this opportunity to testify.

We support Senate Bill 2589. For many reasons, we believe that automatic enrollment component of this bill is very important for our former foster youth, but we support the DHS administration's work in finding the best method of enrolling and maintaining coverage, whether that method be via automatic enrollment or another method. What is important is that, in the end, Hawaii's former foster youth have consistent medical coverage to improve their health, avoid their over reliance on Hawaii's emergency rooms and reduce the costs of their medical care.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on this important issue.