

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1254

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2013

RE: H.B. No. 986  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOSTER CARE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support foster care services in the State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Human Services to increase the monthly board payment from \$529 a month to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Appropriates an unspecified amount to the Department of Human Services for the purposes of funding the monthly board payment rate increase; and
- (3) Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2014 and 2015 regarding the status, cost, and effect of the increased board payments.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and five individuals.



Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that that the current monthly board payment for foster care services was set in 1990 and is insufficient to cover the current, actual costs of providing care to foster children. Accordingly, your Committee believes that it is in the interest of the State to increase the monthly board payment to ensure that foster boarding home parents, group homes, and child caring institutions have sufficient funding to provide housing, utilities, clothing, and other necessities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2051, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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HB 986, HD1	HMS, WAM	3-22-13		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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