
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOSTER CARE SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 human services has not raised the monthly board rate for foster
3 care services since 1990. The legislature further finds that
4 the current monthly board rate of \$529 for all children
5 regardless of age is insufficient due to increased costs for
6 food, housing, utilities, clothing, and other necessities.

7 The purpose of this Act is to increase the monthly board
8 rate for foster care services for children.

9 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall increase
10 the rate of the monthly board payment made by the department
11 directly to foster boarding home parents, group homes, and child
12 caring institutions under sections 17-1617-3 and 17-1617-4,
13 Hawaii Administrative Rules, to \$.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
17 the purposes of this Act.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 human services for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. The department of human services shall submit a
4 report to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior to
5 the convening of the 2015 regular session, on the status and
6 costs of implementing this Act, anticipated future costs, and
7 number of foster children affected.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Increase in Monthly Board Rate for Foster Care Services;
Appropriation

Description:

Increases the monthly board rate for foster care services.
Makes an appropriation. Requires DHS to report on impact of
board rate increase.

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