

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 28

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 4, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 873

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 873 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTARY FOSTER CARE ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a new Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program to care for and supervise foster youth in the transition to adulthood by extending services past their 18th birthday until their 21st birthday.

The Department of Human Services, the Judiciary, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Youth Services Network, 'Imi 'Ike Learning Centers, Olomea, Hale Kipa, Family Programs Hawaii, Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative- Epic Ohana, Inc., and numerous individuals submitted testimony in support of the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 873 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



MELE CARROLL, Chair



