
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNICATION AND ADDRESS CONCERNS OF FOSTER PARENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the foster care system plays an important role in
2 the lives of more than 400,000 children nationwide; and
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4 WHEREAS, according to the Children's Bureau of the United
5 States Department of Health and Human Services, approximately
6 1,221 children were in foster care in Hawaii in fiscal year
7 2014; and
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9 WHEREAS, there are many difficulties faced by children and
10 foster parents in the foster care system for which resolution
11 requires a commitment to improve foster care programs; and
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13 WHEREAS, a discussion between foster parents and government
14 agencies can help to improve foster care for children; now,
15 therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2016, that the Department of Human Services is urged
20 to establish a task force with foster parents to encourage
21 communication and address any upcoming concerns foster parents
22 may have; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be comprised of
25 the following members:
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27 (1) The Director of Human Services or the Director's
28 designee;

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30 (2) A representative from the Catholic Charities Hawaii
31 Hale Malama Program;



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1 (3) A representative from Hui Ho'omaluu; and

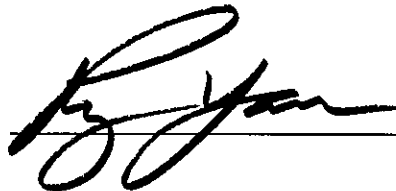
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3 (4) A representative from Partners in Development; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
6 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
7 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20
8 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services, the
12 President of Catholic Charities Hawaii, the Project Director of
13 Hui Ho'omaluu, and the President of Partners in Development.

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