A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POST-FOSTER CARE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that each year
- 2 approximately one hundred twenty-five foster children reach the
- 3 age of adulthood and leave the foster care system, losing
- 4 benefits and much-needed assistance, with many facing the risk
- 5 of homelessness. This at-risk gap group of young adults, post-
- 6 foster care recipients, who are between the ages of eighteen to
- 7 twenty-four are at the greatest risk and in need of further
- 8 assistance in the areas of job placement, skills training,
- 9 education, and housing.
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
- 11 office of youth services to establish a program to provide
- 12 assistance to former Hawaii foster children who fall into this
- 13 gap group and are in need of assistance. All funds shall be
- 14 administered by the executive director of the office of youth
- 15 services. The director shall use these funds to provide
- 16 assistance and administrative support to former foster children
- 17 between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four in the state of
- 18 Hawaii.

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- 1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to provide
- 4 assistance to former foster children between the ages of
- 5 eighteen and twenty-four in the areas of job placement, skills
- 6 training, education, and housing.
- 7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 8 human services, office of youth services for the purposes of
- 9 this Act.
- 10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

Post-Foster Care; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for FY 2006-2007 to the Office of Youth Services to assist former foster children between the ages of 18 and 24 in the areas of job placement, skills training, education, and housing. (SB2474 HD1)