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A BILL FOR AN ACT

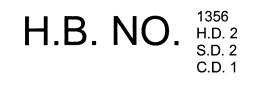
RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD ALLOWANCE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending the definition of "former foster youth" to 3 read as follows: 4 ""Former foster youth" means a person formerly placed under 5 the jurisdiction of the department as a foster child by the 6 family court pursuant to chapter 587 who has attained the age of 7 eighteen [-] while under the placement responsibility of the 8 department or who was under the placement responsibility of the 9 department when a legally responsible caregiver was granted 10 custody." 11 SECTION 2. Section 346-17.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows: 12 13 "§346-17.4 Higher education board allowances for students. 14 [Eligible] An eligible former foster [youths] youth shall (a) 15 be eligible for higher education board allowances after reaching the age of majority, and the higher education board [payments] 16 17 allowance for that former foster youth shall be paid to an



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1	accredite	d institution of higher [learning,] <u>education,</u> another
2	intermedi	ary contracted by the department, the former foster
3	youth, or	to the former foster youth's former foster parents[$_{ au}$]
4	or legal	custodians, as appropriate; provided that:
5	(1)	The former foster youth is [twenty-one] <u>twenty-six</u>
6		years old or younger; [and]
7	(2)	[Within one school year after high school completion,
8		the former foster youth is attending or has been
9		accepted to attend an accredited institution of higher
10		learning on a full-time basis, or on a part-time basis
11		for the first academic year, if approved by the
12		director upon such terms and conditions as the
13		director deems appropriate.] The former foster youth
14		has submitted an application for the higher education
15		board allowance through the age of twenty-one years
16		old, except that a former foster youth who is between
17		the ages of twenty-two years and twenty-six years on
18		July 1, 2008, and attending an institution of higher
19		education, may apply for a higher education board
20		allowance after July 1, 2008, and no later than
21		June 30, 2009; and



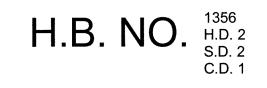
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1	(3) The former foster youth is attending or has been	
2	accepted to attend an accredited institution of higher	
3	education.	
4	(b) The higher education board allowance may be issued	
5	while the former foster youth is attending an accredited	
6	institution of higher education on a full-time basis or on a	
7	part-time basis, in accordance with rules adopted by the	
8	department.	
9	[(b)] <u>(c)</u> Reimbursement to foster parents for the former	
10	foster youth's higher education board cost up to the maximum	
11	allowable board amount shall be made retroactive to the former	
12	foster youth's entry into an accredited institution of higher	
13	[learning] education on a full-time basis, but no earlier than	
14	July 1, 1987, or on a part-time basis for the first academic	
15	year, but no earlier than July 1, 1999.	
16	[(c)] <u>(d)</u> Higher education board allowances may be applied	
17	by the former foster youth to costs incurred in undertaking	
18	full-time studies or part-time studies [for the first academic	
19	year, if approved by the director upon such terms and conditions	
20	as the director deems appropriate,] at an institution of higher	
21	[learning.] education in accordance with rules adopted by the	
22	department.	
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1	(e) The duration of the total higher education board
2	allowance shall not exceed sixty months.
3	[(d)] <u>(f)</u> The department's standards relating to income
4	resources of foster children shall be applicable to this
5	section.
6	(g) Higher education board allowances shall be provided
7	subject to the availability of state and federal funds."
8	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
10	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



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Report Title:

Former Foster Youth; Higher Education Board Allowance

Description:

Increases the time periods during which a former foster youth may apply for and receive higher education board allowance benefits. (HB1356 CD1)

