A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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

- SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a high number of

 foster children become homeless after turning eighteen, and that

 foster children often need assistance in acquiring independent

 living skills and transitional housing once they are ready to
- 5 leave foster care. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate
- 6 funds to the department of human services to provide independent
- 7 living skills training and to operate a housing assistance
- ${f 8}$ voucher program for foster children and children being released
- 9 from foster care.
- 10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
- 13 independent skills training and the operation of a housing
- 14 assistance voucher program for foster children and children
- 15 being released from foster care.

- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 2 human services for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

Report Title:

Appropriation; Human Services; Foster Children; Keiki Caucus

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of human services for independent living skills training and a housing assistance voucher program for foster children and children being released from foster care. (SD1)