

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1396

Honolulu, Hawaii
A-102 , 2009

RE: H.R. No. 209

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.R. No. 209 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE BOARD PAYMENT RATE FOR FOSTER BOARDING HOME PARENTS, GROUP HOMES, AND CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Department of Human Services to engage in a feasibility study to increase the board payment rate for foster boarding parents, group homes, and child caring institutions in the State over a period of five years. In doing this study, the Department of Human Services should also consider establishing a scaled schedule of board payment rates that take into account varying levels of difficulty in providing care within the following age ranges:

- 1) From birth to age five;
- 2) From age six to age twelve; and
- 3) From age thirteen to time of termination from foster care;

Your Committee finds that the current board payment rate for foster boarding parents, group homes, and child caring institutions in Hawaii was last set in 1990. The current board payment rate was also not adjusted for inflation, which since then

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has risen sixty-six percent. This low standard foster board payment rate makes Hawaii continue to experience a shortage of foster families, as well as retaining the current foster parents. Therefore, this will be a positive step in reducing these concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 209 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 209	Committee Referral: HUS, FIN	Date: 3/23/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	✓			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	✗			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✗			
5. CARROLL, Mele				✓
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✗			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✗			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
9. WARD, Gene	✗			
TOTAL (9)	6	0	0	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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