HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. ¹⁸³ H.D. 1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING A COMPUTER APPLICATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH WHO ARE TRANSITIONING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the transition from foster care to adulthood is a 1 2 very difficult path for many former foster care individuals; and 3 4 WHEREAS, former foster youth frequently leave foster care 5 with little more than paper copies of essential personal 6 information; and 7 WHEREAS, former foster youth may not have a permanent 8 9 living arrangement established and may move from house to house, and in this process may lose their vital documents; and 10 11 WHEREAS, losing vital documents may present obstacles to 12 former foster youth when applying for a job, completing an 13 14 application to college, or receiving medical care; and 15 WHEREAS, to address this challenge, CGI, a leading 16 information technology and business process services provider, 17 developed a computer application; and 18 19 WHEREAS, this secure, password-protected, web-based foster 20 21 youth computer application can be accessed from any computer; 22 and 23 WHEREAS, this computer application houses a foster youth's 24 health and education information and personal and professional 25 contacts, and allows for the upload and storage of personal 26 27 documents such as a copy of a birth certificate, social security 28 card, and resume; and 29 30 WHEREAS, CGI is seeking a partnership with a state department that would be interested in implementing this 31 computer application on a statewide basis; and 32 33 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is the state 34 department that provides independent living services to assist 35



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and support foster youth with their transition from foster care 1 to adult self-sufficiency; now, therefore, 2 3 4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 5 of 2011, that the Department of Human Services is encouraged to 6 consider partnering with CGI to implement a computer application 7 throughout the State's foster care system as a means to assist 8 9 and support foster youth with their successful transition out of foster care; and 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 12 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services, 13 Executive Director of Mental Health America of Hawai'i, and 14 members of the Hawaii Transition Age Youth Task Force. 15 16 17 18

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