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# 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.

1 WHEREAS, the transition from foster care to adulthood is a  
2 very difficult path for many former foster care individuals; and  
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4 WHEREAS, former foster youth frequently leave foster care  
5 with little more than paper copies of essential personal  
6 information; and  
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8 WHEREAS, former foster youth may not have a permanent  
9 living arrangement established and may move from house to house,  
10 and in this process may lose their vital documents; and  
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12 WHEREAS, losing vital documents may present obstacles to  
13 former foster youth when applying for a job, completing an  
14 application to college, or receiving medical care; and  
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16 WHEREAS, to address this challenge, a leading information  
17 technology and business process services provider, developed a  
18 computer application; and  
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20 WHEREAS, this secure, password-protected, web-based foster  
21 youth computer application can be accessed from any computer;  
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24 WHEREAS, this computer application houses a foster youth's  
25 health and education information and personal and professional  
26 contacts, and allows for the upload and storage of personal  
27 documents such as a copy of a birth certificate, social security  
28 card, and resume; and  
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30 WHEREAS, a leading information technology and business  
31 process services provider is seeking a partnership with a state  
32 department that would be interested in implementing this  
33 computer application on a statewide basis; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is the state  
2 department that provides independent living services to assist  
3 and support foster youth with their transition from foster care  
4 to adult self-sufficiency; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
8 of 2011, that the Department of Human Services is encouraged to  
9 consider partnering with a leading information technology and  
10 business process services provider to implement a computer  
11 application throughout the State's foster care system as a means  
12 to assist and support foster youth with their successful  
13 transition out of foster care; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services,  
17 Executive Director of Mental Health America of Hawai'i, and  
18 members of the Hawaii Transition Age Youth Task Force.  
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