STAND. COM. REP. NO. 881

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 1 8 2013

RE: H.B. No. 986 H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOSTER CARE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the monthly board rate distributed by the Department of Human Services for foster care services for children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Family Programs Hawaii, and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Human Services has not raised the monthly board rate for foster care services since 1990. The current monthly board rate in Hawaii of \$529 for all children regardless of age is insufficient, due to increased costs for food, housing, utilities, clothing, and other necessities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Human Services HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:*  HB 986 , HD I	Committee	Referral: WAM	Dat	te: 3	2/13
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)					
GREEN, Josh (VC)					
KIDANI, Michelle N.					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		/			
SLOM, Sam					/
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