STAND. COM. REP. NO. 663

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 1 2013

RE: S.B. No. 59 S.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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 59 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 for foster care services for children.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hale Opio Kauai, Inc., and four individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Youth Services Network.

Your Committee finds that the current monthly board rate for children in foster care is \$529 and that this amount is insufficient to cover the costs of care, food, housing, and other necessities for the foster children. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure is necessary to cover the increased living costs for children in the foster care system.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 59, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 59, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DAVID Y. TOE Chair

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:		Dat	Date:	
SB 59	HMS, WAM			2-22-13	
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
IGE, David Y. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				27 - 2	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		V			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani			······································		
ESPERO, Will					
KAHELE, Gilbert		4			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.					
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	•				
RUDERMAN, Russell E.					
THIELEN, Laura H.					
TOKUDA, Jill N.	···	V	·		
SLOM, Sam					_
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Recommendation: Adopted			Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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