A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOSTER CARE SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
- 2 human services has not raised the monthly board rate for foster
- 3 care services since 1990. The legislature further finds that
- 4 the current monthly board rate of \$529 for all children
- 5 regardless of age is insufficient due to increased costs for
- 6 food, housing, utilities, clothing, and other necessities.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to increase the monthly board
- 8 rate for foster care services for children.
- 9 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall increase
- 10 the rate of the monthly board payment made by the department
- 11 directly to foster boarding home parents under sections 17-1617-
- 12 3 and 17-1617-4, Hawaii Administrative Rules, to \$
- 13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
- 16 the purposes of this Act.
- 17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 18 human services for the purposes of this Act.

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- 1 SECTION 4. The department of human services shall submit a
- 2 report to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior to
- 3 the convening of the 2015 regular session, on the status and
- 4 costs of implementing this Act, anticipated future costs, and
- 5 number of foster children affected.
- 6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Increase in Monthly Board Rate for Foster Care Services; Appropriation

Description:

Increases the monthly board rate for foster care services. Makes an appropriation. Requires DHS to report on impact of board rate increase. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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