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 in Hawaii of \$529 for all
- 5 children regardless of age is insufficient, due to increased
- 6 costs for food, housing, utilities, clothing, and other
- 7 necessities.
- 8 The purpose of this Act is to increase the monthly board
- 9 rate for foster care services for children.
- 10 SECTION 2. The department of human services shall increase
- 11 the rate of the monthly board payment made by the department
- 12 directly to foster boarding home parents, group homes, and child
- 13 caring institutions under section 17-1617-3 and 17-1617-4,
- 14 Hawaii Administrative Rules, to \$
- 15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and

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- 1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 2 year 2014-2015 for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 4 of human services for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 4. The department of human services shall submit
- 6 an initial report to the legislature on the status and costs of
- 7 implementing this Act, no later than twenty days prior to the
- 8 convening of the 2014 regular session.
- 9 The department shall submit a final report to the
- 10 legislature on the status of the implementation of this Act,
- 11 annual cost of implementation, anticipated future costs, and
- 12 number of foster children affected no later than twenty days
- 13 prior to the convening of the 2015 regular session.
- 14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Foster Care Services; Monthly Board Rate; Increase; Appropriation

Description:

Increases the monthly board rate distributed by the department of human services for foster care services for children. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD1)

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