

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOSTER CARE SERVICES.

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

1 Section 587A-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is SECTION 1. 2 amended by amending the definitions of ""foster parent" or 3 "foster family"" and "resource family" to read as follows: 4 ""Foster parent" or "foster family" means a person or 5 family licensed by the department or another authorized agency 6 to provide foster care services for children and can be used 7 interchangeably with "resource family". Any proper adult person 8 or family, regardless of marital status, may be approved for 9 licensing by the department or another authorized agency to 10 provide foster care services for children. 11 "Resource family" means a person or family licensed by the 12 department or another authorized agency to provide foster care 13 services for children and can be used interchangeably with 14 "foster parent" and "foster family". Any proper adult person or family, regardless of marital status, may be approved for 15 16 licensing by the department or another authorized agency to provide foster care services for children." 17

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1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Foster Care Services; Marital Status

Description:

Amends definitions in chapter 578A, HRS, to clarify that any proper adult person or family, regardless of marital status, may be approved by DHS or another authorized agency to provide foster care services for children.

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