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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE  
INTERCEPTING SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN  
FOSTER CARE.

1 WHEREAS, children in foster care are in critical need of  
2 support, including emotional and financial support; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii is among forty-nine states that currently  
5 intercept social security payments for children in foster care,  
6 purportedly to cover the costs of their care; and  
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8 WHEREAS, advocates for children have criticized this  
9 practice; and  
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11 WHEREAS, officials the City of New York recently decided to  
12 end this practice, and plan to deposit foster children's social  
13 security payments into savings accounts, which the children may  
14 access when they return to their families, are adopted, or  
15 age-out of foster care; now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
19 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Human  
20 Services is requested to immediately cease intercepting social  
21 security payments for children in foster care; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human  
24 Services is requested to deposit social security payments for  
25 foster children into savings accounts, which the children may  
26 access when they return to their families, are adopted, or  
27 age-out of foster care; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and  
3 Director of Human Services.  
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