
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Human Services is requested to
20 immediately cease intercepting social security payments for
21 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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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Human
31 Services.

