

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1397

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aj-02 , 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 240

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 240 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE  
BOARD PAYMENT RATE FOR FOSTER BOARDING HOME PARENTS, GROUP  
HOMES, AND CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the  
Department of Human Services to engage in a feasibility study to  
increase the board payment rate for foster boarding parents, group  
homes, and child caring institutions in the State over a period of  
five years. In doing this study, the Department of Human Services  
should also consider establishing a scaled schedule of board  
payment rates that take into account varying levels of difficulty  
in providing care within the following age ranges:

- 1) From birth to age five;
- 2) From age six to age twelve; and
- 3) From age thirteen to time of termination from foster  
care;

Your Committee finds that the current board payment rate for  
foster boarding parents, group homes, and child caring  
institutions in Hawaii was last set in 1990. The current board  
payment rate was also not adjusted for inflation, which since then

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has risen sixty-six percent. This low standard foster board payment rate makes Hawaii continue to experience a shortage of foster families, as well as retaining the current foster parents. Therefore, this will be a positive step in reducing these concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 240 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



