

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 115

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1356
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1356 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD ALLOWANCE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expand post-secondary education opportunities for former foster youth by:

- (1) Increasing to 21 years of age, the time limit for an application for a higher education board allowance;
- (2) Providing former foster youth who are between the ages of 22 and 26 years of age on July 1, 2007, and who are already attending a higher education institution, the opportunity to apply for a higher education board allowance within a year;
- (3) Increasing from 21 to 26 years of age, the maximum age for the benefit;
- (4) Extending to 60 months, the maximum benefit length; and
- (5) Appropriating \$287,247 in fiscal year 2007-2008 and \$349,140 in fiscal year 2008-2009 to provide higher education board allowances for eligible former foster youth.

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The Department of Human Services, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Family Forum, Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1356, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1356, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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




MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1356		Date: 2/1/07		
Committee Referral: HSH, HED, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C)	X			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)	X			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				X
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				X
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	X			
6. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
7. MIZUNO, John	X			
8. TAKAI, K. Mark	X			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X			
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani				X
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	X			
TOTAL	8			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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