

# Support Foster Keiki Health

HB1490

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Foster keiki have disproportionately high and complex healthcare needs. Between 70–92% have a chronic health condition, up to 80% have significant mental health needs, and nearly 40% have serious dental issues.

70%



## Keiki Vulnerability

Foster keiki are often the first impacted by policy changes due to limited family advocacy. Complex public insurance requirements and frequent placement changes make it difficult to maintain consistent medical and behavioral care.

## Coverage Cliff

When foster keiki age out, the absence of family support, stable housing, and financial security—combined with current federal legislation—puts them at high risk of losing healthcare coverage.



## Why HB1490 Matters

With over a thousand children in Hawai'i's foster care system, many needing ongoing medical and developmental care, healthcare system stability is critical. HB1490 ensures stable healthcare for foster keiki and all Hawai'i residents.



## Call To Action

A universal healthcare system can close coverage gaps, reduce barriers, and ensure consistent care. **Your support to hear HB1490 this session is crucial**—this bill will provide stability, security, and better health outcomes for Hawai'i's most vulnerable keiki.

