

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-THIRD HAWAII STATE
LEGISLATURE 2005**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 41,
PART III, SECTION 33, SLH 2004**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
NOVEMBER 2004**

**REPORT ON ACT 41, PART III, SECTION 33, SLH 2004, ON ADOPTION
ASSISTANCE AND DIFFICULTY OF CARE PAYMENTS FOR CHILD WELFARE
SERVICES**

Act 41, Part III, Section 33 requires the Department to submit a report on the number of children who receive adoption assistance or difficulty-of-care payments and the amount of these payments for the previous fiscal year and the current fiscal year, five months actual.

For FY 2004, the Department issued adoption assistance payments totaling \$13,715,189 for 2,334 children and adoption assistance difficulty-of-care payments totaling \$3,260,155 for 622 children.

For FY 2005, year-to-date payments as of the end of September 2004 for adoption assistance were \$4,671,412 and for adoption assistance difficulty-of-care were \$1,187,412. The average monthly number of children receiving adoption assistance was 2,316 while the average number of children receiving adoption difficulty-of-care payments was 665.

(Source: FY04 data – CPSS report #KFKMPF04 (ROSES) on AA/AA DOC & PA/PA DOC, run date 10/29/04; FY05 data from CPSS report #KFKMPF2R for period 04/04 – 09/04, run date 10/07/04)