

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2069
OFFERED BY MS. MAXINE WATERS OF
CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Housing
3 Opportunities for Foster Youth Act of 2018”.

4 SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.

5 The Congress finds that—

6 (1) approximately 21,000 foster youth age out
7 of foster care each year according to the Administra-
8 tion for Children and Families (ACF) of the Depart-
9 ment of Health and Human Services;

10 (2) more than 1 out of every 4 foster youth who
11 age out of foster care will experience homelessness
12 by age 21, according to survey data from the Na-
13 tional Youth in Transition Database compiled by the
14 ACF;

15 (3) access to safe, decent, and affordable hous-
16 ing is essential to helping foster youth successfully
17 transition to adulthood;

1 (4) foster youth deserve a place to call home
2 without being singled out for harmful requirements
3 like work requirements as a condition of receiving
4 housing assistance;

5 (5) the Family Unification Vouchers program
6 of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
7 ment provides housing assistance for foster youth
8 along with case management, without work require-
9 ments; and

10 (6) there is insufficient funding for Family Uni-
11 fication Vouchers to serve all foster youth in need.

12 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR FAMILY UNIFI-**
13 **CATION VOUCHERS PROGRAM.**

14 Paragraph (1) of section 8(x) of the United States
15 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(1)) is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 “(1) INCREASE IN BUDGET AUTHORITY.—The
18 budget authority available under section 5(e) for
19 voucher assistance under section 8(o) is authorized
20 to be increased by \$200,000,000 on or after October
21 1, 2018, and any such sums made available shall re-
22 main available until expended.”.

