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LATE TESTIMONY

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Committee on Human Services and Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2184 RELATING TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

Hearing: Thursday, January 24, 2008; 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: This bill would require the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish, update and define the self-sufficiency standard to be used to determine the level of public assistance. Authorizes one staff person to establish and update the self-sufficiency standard.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill. DHS defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for the establishment of a self-sufficiency standard and the authorization of staff to do this.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.