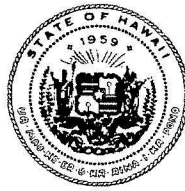


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2447, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION**

Hearing: Monday, February 25, 2008 11:15 a.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to extend psychotropic medication coverage to all participants in the Medicaid QUEST medical plans by repealing the sunset date for their coverage.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: This bill is not necessary as the sunset date in regards to the QUEST plans was repealed in Act 39, SLH 2007. The Department of Human Services (DHS) thanks the Legislature for their support for permanent open access to psychotropic medications for all Medicaid recipients, in both the Medicaid Fee-For-Services and QUEST programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.