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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H. B. 3139 - RELATING TO THE FIRST-TO-WORK PROGRAM**

Hearing: January 31, 2008, 8:40 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 3139 is to conform State law to the current Federal law that requires applicants and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF) to participate in work activities.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services strongly supports this Administration bill. This bill will allow the Department to recognize current Federal regulations, as well as flexibility to adjust to future Federal regulatory changes pertaining to the First-To-Work Program.

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