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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
House Committee on Health

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

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: S.B. 2790 S.D. 2 – RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE
Hearing: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 8:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to continue operations and services for the perinatal clinic currently in the University of Hawaii John Burns School of Medicine and appropriates unspecified State general funds.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill and respectfully requests that its passage does not replace nor adversely impact the priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

We support sustaining perinatal clinic and case management services to women on Oahu with a history of substance abuse. Last year, the Department was agreeable to being appropriated the funds to contract with the University Clinical Educational and Research Associates program at the University of Hawaii, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health to continue the pilot perinatal clinic and the provision of case management

services because the Department would have been able to enhance any State funds with matching Federal funds. The Department recommends that we continue this collaboration with the University of Hawaii or any other appropriate public or private agency for which DHS can draw down allowable matching Federal funds.

We would also recommend that a report be provided to the Legislature by the Perinatal Clinic describing the services being provided, to whom the services are being provided, and the effectiveness of the services before the pilot status of the Clinic is removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.