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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 3034 - RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE**

Hearing: Friday, February 1, 2008; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 3034 is to support the State Civil Defense Shelter-In-Place initiative by exempting civil liability for care homes and schools, in addition to hotels, during an officially designated emergency.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: As a partner in the State Civil Defense Shelter-In-Place initiative, the Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports this Administration bill to exempt civil liability for private owners or operators of care homes and day care facilities, as well as other facilities that permit the use of the property for sheltering persons during disasters and emergencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.