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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **S. B. 3061 - RELATING TO THE FIRST-TO-WORK PROGRAM**

Hearing: February 5, 2008, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 3061 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.