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February 19, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1429 H.D. 1 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
ABOUT FACE PROGRAM**
Hearing: Thursday, February 19 2009; 8:15 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 1429, H.D. 1, is to appropriate TANF funds for Hawaii National Guard's About Face! family of programs for FY 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports this bill as amended.

We thank the Legislature and the House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, and Military Affairs for the amendments in H.D. 1 of this bill that addressed our concerns expressed in our previous testimony on this bill.

The Department also respectfully requests that the \$28.2 million in TANF Federal funds restricted in the current State fiscal year 2009 budget be restored for the 2010-2011 biennium so that we can continue to fund the programs, services and benefits, including but not limited to the About Face! Family of programs, that have, among other positive outcomes, strengthened families and contributed to the reduction, by half, of

child re-abuse and neglect since 2005. This is neither the time to freeze Federal funds nor divert Federal funds from the investment we have made that is working so well.

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



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TO: The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military
Affairs

FROM: Martha T. Torney, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: HB 1429 HD1, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ABOUT
FACE PROGRAM**

Hearing: Thursday, February 19, 2009, 8:15 am
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The Office of Youth Services (OYS) supports the intent of House Bill 1429 HD1 relating to the appropriation of TANF funds for the About Face Program. As a valuable resource, the About Face Program engages at-risk youth in positive activities and provides opportunities for youth to develop life skills and relationships that improve their lives and future. The OYS supports the intent of HB 1429 HD1; however, the OYS defers to the Department of Human Services regarding the priorities and usage of the TANF funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1429 HD1
A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
ABOUT FACE PROGRAM

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
FEBRUARY 19, 2009

Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee.

Good Morning. I'm BG Gary Ishikawa, Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii.

I am testifying on House Bill 1429 HD1 which makes an appropriation of TANF funds for the Hawaii National Guard About Face family of programs.

We support House Bill 1429 HD1 as it allows the Department of Human Services to expend federal TANF funds in coordination with the Department of Defense to continue operations in fiscal year 2009-2010 and fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Hawaii National Guard About Face family of programs.

This concludes my testimony, are there any questions?