

HB 1429



STATE OF HAWAII  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
  
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1429, H.D. 2 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
ABOUT FACE PROGRAM**  
Hearing: Tuesday, March 24, 2009; 2:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 1429, H.D. 2, 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) is in strong support of this measure.

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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March 19, 2009

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

FROM: Martha T. Torney, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1429 HD2, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ABOUT  
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The Office of Youth Services (OYS) supports the intent of House Bill 1429 HD2 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 HD2; 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.