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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: H.B. 2981, RELATING TO SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS

Hearing: February 4, 2010, Monday, 8:45 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose this bill will require Department of Human Services to examine and evaluate the veracity, extent, and effect of certain allegations of shortcomings of programs for adults with special needs and report to the Legislature.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) respectfully opposes this bill.

This bill is unclear as to which of the Department's several special needs programs is the focus of this bill.

DHS is not aware of the allegations listed in this bill. The Department already has complaint procedures and program evaluation procedures intended to improve our programs and for our clients and providers to provide input on our programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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