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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **S. B. 2121 - RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL**

Hearing: Friday, February 19, 2010, 11:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 2121 is allow the Early Learning Council to conduct meetings by teleconference, and sets out quorum requirements and public notice and participation requirements for teleconference meetings.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** As a member of the Early Learning Council (ELC), the Department of Human Services supports this bill as it creates a more cost effective and accessible method to allow for participation in council meetings for council members as well as the public who are located on the Neighbor Islands.

The Department also strongly supports Administration-sponsored bill, S.B. 2710, Relating to Board Meetings, which would expand the ability of any board or commission to facilitate public meetings through available interactive conferencing technology.

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