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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director
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SUBJECT: **G. M. 723 – GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF DAVID J.
GIERLACH TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Hearing: Thursday, April 7, 2011 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016 State Capitol

The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of David J. Gierlach to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Mr. Gierlach is currently the Rector at St. Elizabeth's Church in Honolulu. In this capacity, Mr. Gierlach remains active in the issues of the residents of Mayor Wright housing working with the Tenant's Association to address their needs.

Mr. Gierlach has worked on housing issues for thirty years for Hawaii's neediest residents as a substance abuse counselor and is very knowledgeable on the need for decent affordable housing. His experience and compassion in advocating for the housing needs of Hawaii's neediest residents will be an asset to the Board of the HPHA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Gierlach's nomination.