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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1361 S.D. 1 - RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER
FAMILY HOMES**

Hearing: Thursday, March 17, 2011; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 1361, H.D.1, is to amend the definition of Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH) to include the requirement that a CCFFH be in operation for not less than one year prior to being certified for a third client.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports this bill and appreciates the Legislature's recognition of the additional demands that a third client who is at the nursing facility level of care places on the caregivers of CCFFHs.

Requiring at least one year's experience caring for two clients will provide both the caregivers and DHS the opportunity to determine whether the caregivers of the CCFFH are able to adequately care for an additional adult without compromising the quality of care to any of the clients.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.