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MEMORANDUM

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

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2050 - RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Thursday, February 02, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 2050 is to require certified nurse aide programs and the nurse aide recertification process to include a multicultural health awareness and education program.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill. We would offer, however, the following caution.

The proposed amendment to HRS section 346-46 in Section 1, page 2 requires nurse aide certification and recertification programs to include "knowledge and awareness of the causes and effects of the determinants of health that lead to disparities in (the) health status between different genders and racial and ethnic populations and the practice skills necessary to respond appropriately". This

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT FOR HB 2050

I support HB2050 which requires training programs and the recertification process for nurse aides to include a multicultural health awareness and education program but request few amendments:

1. 24 Hour continuing education hours for CNA recertification to include multicultural health awareness and education as needed.
2. Also, add this to Nursing Assistant (NA) training

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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