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TO: Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2072 - Relating to Health**

Hearing: Tuesday, January 24, 2012; 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 2072 is to allow the Department of Health to share records with other state departments and agencies upon authorization of a person with a tangible interest in the record.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) opposes this bill in its current version. The Administration will be submitting a bill for the sharing of records that was agreed upon by State agencies. We request the Legislature to consider the Administration's bill for record sharing in lieu of H.B. 2072.

The proposed language in H.B. 2072 will not eliminate barriers to allow DHS to stop paying for services for deceased persons. DHS provides services to individuals such as medical assistance. These particular services are provided by managed care health plans that are paid on a capitated basis. These payments continue until DHS learns that a recipient is no longer eligible or has died. Without receiving a date of

death, DHS cannot recover payments made following the date of death and can only stop payments prospectively.

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