



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
P. O. Box 339  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

February 2, 2012

**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2538 - RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CHILD CARE  
LICENSING**

Hearing: Thursday, February 2, 2012; 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 2538 is to add exemptions for any kindergarten, school, or program licensed by the Charter School Review Panel, the Hawaii Council of Private Schools, or any federal agency from child care licensing by the Department of Human Services.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports this Administration bill. Kindergartens, schools, or child care programs to be exempted are already licensed by the Charter School Review Panel, the Hawaii Council of Private Schools, or federal agencies which administer them. There is no reason for the department to also license these already-licensed kindergartens, schools and child care programs.

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