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To: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair,
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair; and
Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Dwight Y. Takamine, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 2578 HD1 Relating to the Advisory Council for Community Services

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB2578HD1 will eliminate the Advisory Council for Community Services—and will have no impact on the Office of Community Services (OCS) or the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

DLIR strongly supports this administration measure.

II. CURRENT LAW

OCS is mandated to constitute the Advisory Council for Community Services.

III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

The department strongly supports this administration initiative to streamline OCS's processes. The entire Council has remained vacant for nearly a decade and currently no members have been appointed. To allow for public input OCS has increased participation by individual agency boards.

This bill conforms to our Governor's initiative to streamline government by eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy such as defunct councils, commissions, or task forces.

This measure will have no impact on the operations of the department or OCS and will have no fiscal impact as council members served uncompensated.