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MEMORANDUM

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

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane
House Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.C.R. 197 - REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OF ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE AND FOSTER HOME FACILITIES UNDER A SINGLE DEPARTMENT**

Hearing: Thursday, March 29, 2012; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.C.R. 197 is to request the Auditor to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of consolidating oversight for adult residential care homes and foster home facilities.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) opposes H.C.R. 197 because it is unnecessary. S.B. 2126, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, which has been referred to the House Finance Committee, would consolidate the authority, duties, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the DHS and DOH, as they relate to various health care services; transfers the programs of DHS relating to home and community-based case management, community care foster family homes, and adult day care to DOH on July 1, 2014.

The DHS and the Department of Health (DOH) have agreed to work toward consolidating, within the DOH, the licensing and certification functions for the adult residential care homes and the community care foster family homes.

The DHS respectfully requests the Legislature's support of S.B. 2126, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

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