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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.C.R. 34 – URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY  
TASK FORCE FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY  
FAMILIES BENEFITS AND COVERAGE**

Hearing: Thursday, March 22, 2012; 10:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to request that the Department of Human Services (DHS) establish a temporary task force to look into the problems faced by the State in administering the TANF benefits program, see how other states cover the costs of providing TANF benefits, and develop a working plan of services that TANF recipients may be required to perform for benefits.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this resolution. The Department supports the need for collaboration in ensuring that the use of TANF resources serves our most vulnerable population. The DHS believes that the Financial Assistance Advisory Council (FAAC) as already established by Hawaii Revised Statutes §346-14.5 serves this purpose.

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