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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 157/H.R. 121 - REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE
FEASIBILITY AND BENEFITS OF ESTABLISHING
CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE FEES TO SUPPORT CERTAIN
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' PROGRAMS.**

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

PURPOSE: The purposes of H.C.R. 157/H.R.121 are to request a study to evaluate the feasibility of charging and collecting fees for the programs the Department of Human Services licenses and certifies; to determine which states charge fees for such licensure and certification; and to determine the best practices employed by those states.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) opposes this resolution. The DHS and the Department of Health (DOH) have agreed to work toward consolidating, within the DOH, the licensing and certification functions for the Community Care Foster Family Homes, the Community Case Management Agencies, and the Adult Day Care Centers. The feasibility of charging and collecting fees for these licensing and certification functions should be deferred until all functions have been consolidated within the DOH.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.