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January 31, 2013

TO: The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 876 – RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A SECOND DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Thursday, January 31, 2013; 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 876 is to restore the second deputy director position for the Department of Human Services.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this Administration bill which would restore the second deputy director position for the Department of Human Services that was deleted by Act 223, Session Laws of Hawaii 1994.

Currently, the Department has only one deputy director. Restoring the second deputy position is necessary for the effective and efficient administration of State's second-largest department which administers an annual budget of \$2,000,000,000 and over 2,000 employees.

The Department of Human Services serves vulnerable and needy adults and children across the Islands. Our programs are diverse and complex with each driven by its

own set of laws, rules and regulations both State and federal. Each requires specialized leadership and expertise. It is difficult to develop the breadth of knowledge over all the Department's programs that is necessary for effective management of all the programs.

Effective management of the Department and its programs requires collaboration within the Department, with other state, federal and local agencies, with the community and the clients served.

The Department's \$2,000,000,000 budget also makes it especially critical that programs are run well with broad collaboration to ensure that tax payer dollars are well spent and that program objectives are being met and the community is being served as intended.

Successful programs help Hawaii residents to achieve self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy lifestyles and personal dignity as well as contributing to the State's economic base.

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

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**TESTIMONY TO THE  
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**House Bill No. 876**

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

TO CHAIRPERSON CARROLL AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of H.B. No. 876 is to restore the second deputy director position for the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) strongly supports this bill.

Currently, DHS has only one deputy director. Restoring the second deputy position is necessary for the effective and efficient administration of the State's second largest department which administers an annual budget of \$2,000,000,000 and employs approximately 2,000 employees.

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