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February 22, 2013

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 148, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Friday, February 22, 2013; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services for the establishment and operation of a Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind Persons.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) formerly known as the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division of the Department of Human Services supports the intent of S.B. 148, S.D.1. We ask that if this appropriation is approved that it does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget.

The DVR has worked closely with the deaf community throughout the years to establish a Comprehensive Service Center (CSC) for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-

Blind and is committed to assist in the funding of vocational rehabilitation activities within the center.

The DVR does not have sufficient funds to support non-vocational rehabilitation related activities under the proposed center. The DVR is unable to support any further funding beyond the Governor's proposed budget if such additional funding will affect current priorities within the Governor's proposed budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our testimony to this Committee.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl Mizusawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support in intent of Senate Bill 148, Senate Draft 1, Relating to Human Services

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