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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1923 Proposed HD1 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the purpose of this measure, however, it is not necessary.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed HD1 as stated in Section 1 is to require the department of human services to use an integrated and multigenerational service delivery approach to reduce the incidence of intergenerational poverty and dependence on public benefits consistent with the nationally recognized best practices.

While Section 1 of this Proposed HD1 is consistent with DHS administration measures HB2366/SB2793, and HB1926 Proposed HD1 (not an administration bill), Section 2 proposes to place the department's administrative rules on welfare to work in this measure.

If either SB2793 or HB1925 Proposed HD1 are enacted, the transformation to a multigenerational approach will apply to all programs including the First to Work program that is codified in section 346-261, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Consequently, proposed HD1 is not necessary.

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

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Testimony for HHS on 2/15/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: