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TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
House Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1113 – RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS.**

Hearing: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 9:30 a.m.  
Via Videoconference, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides comments.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill repeals or reclassifies certain non-general funds administered by the department of human services as recommended by the auditor in auditor report no. 21-02.

DHS concurs with provisions of this measure as they are consistent with the auditor's recommendations.

We appreciate this opportunity to improve our use and management of these funds. We are keenly aware that these non-general funds will play a fundamental and stabilizing role in the Department's ability to continue to maintain the safety net of benefits and services for Hawaii's residents. We look forward to working with the Legislature as we tackle the immediate and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.