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TO: The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

FROM: Ryan I. Yamane, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 1411 SD1 – RELATING TO MEDICAID THIRD PARTY LIABILITY.**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 9:35 a.m.
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports this administration bill.

PURPOSE: This bill conforms state law to federal law by increasing accountability and transparency under new Medicaid requirements for health insurers and other third parties that are legally liable for health care services received by Medicaid beneficiaries to pay for those services.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

State law needs to be updated to conform to new third-party liability requirements included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103). This bill requires liable third-party payers to be responsible for reimbursing Medicaid providers based on the standards of the Medicaid program and prohibits them from denying payment based on other standards. This bill will allow DHS to submit a federally required Medicaid State Plan Amendment attesting the State is following Public Law 117-103, which it cannot do without the amendments to section 431L-2.5, HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.