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TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2455 HD1 – RELATING TO DEMENTIA TRAINING**

Hearing: February 27, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill, offers comments, and defers to the Department of Health. DHS appreciates the amendments of the House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness.

PURPOSE: Requires the employers of first responders to develop and provide dementia training to first responders. Effective 12/31/2059. (HD1).

Staff of the DHS Adult Protective Services Branch regularly attend trainings on a variety of subject matters impacting vulnerable adults in the community. In 2019, the entire staff of the branch attended an Alzheimer's training conducted by Dr. Poki'i Balaz.

DHS staff from all divisions would certainly join any training developed and conducted by other government or private organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.