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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 2737 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ASSET BUILDING

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Health and Human Services (DHS).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF SB 2737**. The purpose of the bill is to direct DHS to establish a three-year pilot project, beginning with Fiscal Year 2008-2009, to conduct and expand asset building classes statewide to serve individuals with disabilities and parents of children with a disability in developing skills.

The Council is not familiar with the assets building classes offered by DHS. However, we see this as a bridge for using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds and State funds to enhance capacity of individuals with disabilities and parents of children with a disability in developing skills for navigating the service delivery system, career development, increasing computer literacy, etc.

We defer to DHS for the cost of establishing and implementing the three-year pilot project. We note that this bill is the same as SB 2352 previously heard on the same agenda. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony supporting the intent of SB 2737.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator

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TO: THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING
FROM: PAUL TOMIYASU, Deaf Individual
DATE: 1/31/08

REGARDING: **SB BILL 2052**, DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A THREE YEAR PILOT PROJECT TO CONDUCT AND EXPAND ASSET BUILDING CLASSES STATEWIDE TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY IN DEVELOPING SKILLS.

SB BILL 2737, FUNDING OF THE THREE YEAR PILOT PROJECT TO CONDUCT AND EXPAND ASSET BUILDING CLASSES STATEWIDE TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY IN DEVELOPING SKILLS.

I am in favor of these measures. There are many families who have children that are disabled and single parent who are disabled or have children with disabilities that will benefit greatly from these studies. Being disabled is a struggle to keep up with what is going on around you, it is a crippling disease when we lack understanding and knowledge that can help in making the quality of our life better. These bills as proposed and request for funding will help those that really need assistance in "catching" up with the rest of the world and make it easier to develop at a "rabbit-pace" instead of a "turtles-pace".

Thank you,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2737 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ASSET BUILDING**

Hearing: Monday, January 31, 2008; 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: This bill establishes a three-year pilot project within the Department of Human Services to conduct and expand asset building classes statewide to serve individuals with disabilities and the parents of children with a disability.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services supports the intent of this bill but has concerns that the appropriation needed to implement this bill may adversely impact the priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget. The Department is also concerned that the bill has no provision to evaluate and inventory the existing services to determine if there is a need to establish new services for this population.

The Department currently already spends millions in TANF funds and State dollars for support, evaluation and training of this target population. This bill's requirement to assign additional TANF funds to these programs may result in cutting existing programs that the Department funds through TANF to assist needy families.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.
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TO THE
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S.B. 2737

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ASSET BUILDING.

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2737.

HRS Chapter 103F defines health and human services as "services to communities, families, or individuals which are intended to maintain or improve health or social well-being." HAR Section 3-140-101 states in part that health and human services include, but are not limited to "assessment, treatment, diagnosis, prevention, and education services provided directly to a target clientele." Conducting and expanding asset building classes to serve individuals with disabilities and parents of children with a disability in developing skills are health and human services applicable to HRS Chapter 103F.

The State Procurement Office recommends the following change to page 3, line 15 of Section 2 to read as:

The department of human services may enter into contracts pursuant to chapter [~~H03D~~] 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Thank you.