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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair

House Committee on Human Services

FROM:

Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT:

H.B. 758 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL

OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND SERVICES FOR THE

**BLIND DIVISION** 

Hearing:

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 329, State Capitol

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the

Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind

Division, to upgrade equipment and facilities for the Hoʻopono program

<u>DEPARTMENT'S POSITION</u>: The Department of Human Services supports the intent of this bill but defers on the fiscal implications until Governor Abercrombie's Executive Biennium Budget is finalized.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.