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## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Honorable Josh Green M.D., Chair

Senate Committee on Health

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM:

Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT:

S.B. 1141 - RELATING TO DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT

SERVICES

Hearing:

Thursday, February 10, 2011; 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 1141 is to require the directors of the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Human Services (DHS) to collaborate with contracted health and human services providers to develop, and update annually, a health and human services delivery plan.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill but requests deferral to allow the new administrations of the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Human Services (DHS) to confer on the development of a health and human services delivery plan.

The discussion and careful consideration between the DOH and DHS of the components of an efficient and effective delivery plan will be more likely to lead to the development of a plan that will improve the efficiency, capacity and quality of health

care services. This is critical to ensure that the provision of services to the clients of both departments is not adversely affected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.