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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 738 - RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 738 is to appropriate federal TANF funds to assist victims of domestic violence.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of the bill but defers on the fiscal implications until the Executive Biennium Budget is finalized.

The Department currently provides domestic violence services for eligible TANF families through our statewide Domestic Violence Services contracts. These contracted services provide case management services that include intake and assessment of TANF recipients situation, development of individual service plans which include counseling services, medical needs assessments, and linkages to community resources. These contracted services also work with assigned DHS First-To-Work (FTW) offices to determine if employment services may be coordinated as part of the

participant's overall domestic violence individual services plan to assist with the eventual transition to employment. While the TANF participant is receiving domestic violence services, they are able to access support services such as transportation and child care through their assigned DHS FTW office.

In addition to these contract services, the Department also provides statewide domestic violence legal advocacy services to our TANF recipients that include legal representation on issues of temporary custody, visitation, temporary restraining orders, divorce, housing, consumer law, and employment.

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