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In consideration of

HCR156/HR157, REQUESTING THE VARIOUS STATE DEPARTMENTS TO REEXAMINE THEIR WORK FROM HOME POLICIES TO ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO WORK FROM HOME.

Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Garrett, and the members of the committee.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) provides comments on HCR156 and HR157.

On behalf of the State of Hawaii Executive Branch, DHRD and the Hawaii Government Employees Association entered into a memorandum of agreement outlining the state's telework program guidelines. As such, any Executive Branch department intending to provide telework opportunities to their employees must follow the negotiated guidelines. Departments are not permitted to establish their own policies without DHRD approval and consultation with HGEA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on these measures.