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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
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In consideration of  
**SB 726 SD1 HD1**  
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and the members of the committee.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) is in **support** for SB 276 SD1 HD1.

The purpose of SB726 is to: (1) repeal the administrative assistant position within the Department of Human Resources Development; and (2) reassigns the responsibilities of the administrative assistant to the director.

DHRD offers comments on this housekeeping measure. The exempt Administrative Assistant position was created in HRS 26-5(f) through Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019. This position is currently unbudgeted and is unauthorized. In 2022, the Legislature authorized a civil service Administrative Assistant VI in Act 248, HB1600 HD1 SD2 CD1, which has since been established and filled as of November 1, 2022.

DHRD would like to ensure that the repeal of the exempt Administrative Assistant position in HRS26-5(f) does not adversely affect the establishment of civil service Administrative Assistant VI (#124478).

DHRD supports reassigning the responsibilities from the administrative assistant to the director.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.