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In consideration of HB564 HD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and the members of the committee.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) is in **strong support** of HB564 HD1.

The purpose of HB564 HD1 is to appropriate moneys to the Department of Human Resources Development to establish 2.0 full-time equivalent information technology specialist positions and to upgrade information technology systems, including network upgrades; for the purchase and installation of desktop computers, workstations, and laptops; and training for personnel.

DHRD understands the importance of modernizing the department's information technology systems so that we can support current functions and future improvements.

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