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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1208 - RELATING TO CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE
FEES**

Hearing: Thursday, January 31, 2013; 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 1208 is to require the Department of Human Services to establish fees for certain programs transferred to the Department of Health and for the Department of Health to collect the same fees when the programs are transferred. It also requires the Department of Human Services to set and collect fees for training and recertification of nurse aides.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) respectively opposes the provisions of this bill requiring the establishment of fees for the programs that the DHS will be transferring to the Department of Health (DOH) effective July 1, 2014. The DHS is also opposed to the provisions of Section 3 that require the establishment of fees for the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) and the Recertification of Nurse Aides Program.

The establishment of a fee structure will require research and community input, in addition to developing and promulgating new administrative rules through the public

hearing process. The DHS and the DOH are already in the process of transitioning the licensure and certification functions of the Adult Day Care Centers, Community Care Case Management Agencies, and Community Care Foster Family Homes to the DOH. It is the DHS' position that the establishment of a fee structure should occur after the transition from the DHS to the DOH is complete.

The oversight for the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) and the Recertification of Nurse Aides Program will be transferred from the Social Services Division to the Med-QUEST Division effective July 1, 2014. The establishment of a fee structure for these programs should occur after this transfer is complete.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.