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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2006  
TIME: 2:45 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Child Welfare**

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| SB 1200 | RELATING TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT.<br>Protects child from being removed from a guardianship if parent cannot show substantial change in circumstances. Allows parent the opportunity to file for dissolution of a guardianship if it is shown that a safe home can be provided.   | HMS, JHW |
| SB 2079 | RELATING TO CHILDREN.<br>Prohibits leaving a child under the age of 8 locked in a car or building while the person responsible for the child is absent, unless a reliable person at least 13 years old remains with the child.   | HMS, JHW |
| SB 2249 | RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.<br>Clarifies that information maintained by the CSEA may be disclosed to persons who are directly involved with the administration and implementation of a program approved by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.   | HMS, JHW |
| SB 2327 | RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORTING.<br>Requires staff members of public or private schools, agency, or institutions who, in their professional capacity, have reason to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred, or that there exists a substantial risk that a child may be abused or neglected in the foreseeable future, to immediately report the abuse or neglect directly to the DHS. | HMS, JHW |
| SB 2330 | RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS OF THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES.<br>Authorizes the Office of Youth Services to obtain criminal history record information on employees, prospective employees, and volunteers of its contracted providers and subcontractors, in positions that necessitate close proximity to youth when providing services on behalf of the OYS.            | HMS, JHW |



SB 2615	<p>RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION.</p> <p>Requires the department of human services to make a good faith effort to locate, identify, and interview extended family members for possible foster custody placement of a child and to set forth the procedures used and steps taken in this regard in the dependency petition.</p>	HMS, JHW
SB 2685	<p>RELATING TO THE INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF KANAKA MAOLI.</p> <p>Creates a Native Hawaiian Child Welfare Act preventing the involuntary termination of parental rights of Kanaka Maoli thus protecting the cultural and traditional rights of the Native Hawaiian people. This is also known as "The Kupuna Bill".</p>	HMS, JHW
SB 3200	<p>RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION.</p> <p>Provides immunity from prosecution for leaving an unharmed newborn at a hospital, fire station, or police station within 72 hours of birth. Provides immunity from liability for hospitals, fire stations, and police stations for receiving a newborn. Requires medical history from person relinquishing newborn.</p>	HMS, JHW
SB 3215	<p>RELATING TO CHILDREN.</p> <p>Extends the term of the children of incarcerated parents task force until 2008 and appropriates funds.</p>	HMS, WAM
SB 3218	<p>RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF HARMED CHILDREN.</p> <p>Clarifies the importance of kinship placement for temporary foster placement and adoption; affirms the importance of the child's present attachment and bonding to present caregivers, whether kin or non-kin.</p>	HMS
SB 2627	<p>CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT.</p> <p>Provides additional criteria for determining foster custodians. Appropriates funds for an evaluation of the State's temporary and permanent foster care system. Adds new definitions.</p>	HMS, WAM
SB 2328	<p>RELATING TO NOTICE TO FOSTER PARENTS FOR CHAPTER 587, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT HEARINGS.</p> <p>The purpose clarifies notice of hearings requirements and expand opportunities for foster parents to attend Child Protective Act hearings, to provide information and recommendations to the Family court and other parties in child welfare services cases with Family Court jurisdiction.</p>	HMS, JHW

**Relating to Foster Children**

SB 2161	<p>RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN.</p> <p>Establishes a Foster Children's Bill of Rights.</p>	HMS, JHW
SB 2221	<p>RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN.</p> <p>Establishes a Foster Children's Bill of Rights.</p>	HMS, JHW



SB 2162	<p>RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN.</p> <p>Allows foster children to apply for a driver's license with the written consent of the Department of Human Services. Requires a foster child's natural parents to pay for the child's car insurance and provides for free insurance if the child's parents are unable to pay. Allows higher education board allowances to be paid directly to former foster children.</p>	HMS, JHW
SB 2474	<p>RELATING TO POST-FOSTER CARE.</p> <p>Appropriates \$200,000 for FY 2006-2007 to the Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services Former Foster Child Assistance Program to assist former foster children between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four in job placement, skills training, education, and housing.</p>	HMS, WAM
<u>5:00 p.m.</u>		
<b>General</b>		
SB 3199	<p>RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE.</p> <p>Appropriates funds for the general assistance payments program of the benefit, employment, and support services division.</p>	HMS, WAM
SB 2333	<p>MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE.</p> <p>Emergency appropriation (\$416,718) to ensure that the General Assistance (GA) payment is maintained at \$418 per month per eligible recipient throughout the end of the FY 2005-2006.</p>	HMS, WAM
SB 2617	<p>RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.</p> <p>Appropriates various amounts, including unspecified amounts, for various services to be funded from the increased federal fund ceiling for the temporary assistance for needy families program.</p>	HMS, WAM
SB 3028	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROGRAMS ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS.</p> <p>Appropriates funds for programs that address homelessness.</p>	HMS, WAM
SB 2163	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING.</p> <p>Adds definition of "relative caregiver" and amends the definition of "elder or elderly households" to include minor children for whom a grandparent or other relative is the primary caretaker.</p>	HMS, CPH
SB 2443	<p>RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE VISITATION RIGHTS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND HANAI INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INFORMALLY RAISING THESE CHILDREN.</p> <p>Establishes a joint legislative task force to determine visitation rights of grandparents and hanai individuals who raise grandchildren they have informally raised when biological parent is unable to do so.</p>	HMS, JHW



SB 2395	RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. Complies with federal law which allows members of the Commission on National and Community Service to serve 3-year terms of office instead of 4-year terms of office.	HMS, HRE
SB 2174	RELATING TO INCOME TAX. Establishes a tax credit for tuition and fees of parents who enroll in parenting and child development classes.	HMS, WAM
SB 2185	RELATING TO FAMILY SERVICE CENTERS. Creates the community-based, family-centered models special account to award grants to establish and maintain community-based, family-centered models throughout the State. Appropriates funds for the Even Start program.	HMS, WAM
SB 2188	RELATING TO A COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD. Replaces the director of the office of children and youth with the chief justice or his designee as a member of the commission.	HMS, JHW
SB 2189	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD. Appropriates funds for the state commission on fatherhood.	HMS, WAM

**Decision Making to follow, if time permits.**

Persons wishing to testify should submit 40 copies of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 226, State Capitol, 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony may also be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to whom the testimony is being submitted, the date and time of the hearing, and the required number of copies needed for submittal.

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