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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Monday, February 27, 2006

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

SB 2161 SD1 (SSCR2524) RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN.

Establishes a foster children's bill of rights. (SD1)

HMS, JHW

SB 2162

RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN.

HMS, JHW

SD1 (SSCR2429) Allows foster children to apply for a driver's license with the written consent of the Department of Human Services. Requires the child's biological parents to pay for vehicle insurance and provides for free insurance if the child's parents cannot pay. Allows higher education

board allowances to be paid directly to former foster children. (SD1)

SB 2166 SD1 RELATING TO MINORS.

HMS/HTH, JHW

Allows a minor under certain circumstances to consent to the provision of medical care and services. (SD1)

SB 3254

RELATING TO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

SD1 (SSCR2237)

(SSCR2430)

Removes the sunset date for the licensing of home and community-based case management agencies and the certification of community

care foster family homes until. (SD1)

HMS, JHW

SB 2615

RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION.

HMS, JHW

SD1 (SSCR2542)

Affirms the importance of kinship placement and a child's attachment and bonding with a kin or non-kin foster caregiver. Requires the department of human services to make a good faith effort, which includes consulting with the Na Kupuna Tribunal, to identify family

members for possible placement of a child. (SD1)

SB 2688 SD1 RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

HMS, JHW

(SSCR2434)

Requires implementation of policies and procedures, protocols, and a quality assurance program to ensure adequate youth correctional facility staff training. Provides for comprehensive assessments of all persons committed to youth correctional facilities. Revises duties and

responsibilities of regional advisory boards. (SD1)

SB 3233 SD1 (SSCR2235)	RELATING TO PARENTING PLANS. Authorizes the court or the parties to change a parenting plan at any time during the minority of the child without requiring a material change of circumstances. (SD1)	HMS, JHW
SB 3219 SD1 (SSCR2234)	RELATING TO COMMUNITY PLACEMENT. Directs the departments of health and human services to maintain an inventory of all facilities licensed or certified under their jurisdiction and their vacancies to facilitate the placement of individuals in community-based facilities. (SD1)	HMS/HTH, JHW
SB 2188 SD1 (SSCR2213)	RELATING TO A COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD. Replaces the director of the office of children and youth with the director of public safety, or a designee, as a member of the commission. (SD1)	HMS, JHW
SB 3200 SD1 (SSCR2231)	RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION. Provides immunity from prosecution for leaving an unharmed newborn at a hospital, fire station, or police station within seventy-two hours of its birth. Provides immunity for personnel receiving a newborn. Requires medical history from a person relinquishing a newborn. (SD1)	HMS, JHW
SB 2328 SD1 (SSCR2217)	RELATING TO NOTICE TO FOSTER PARENTS FOR CHAPTER 587, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT HEARINGS. Authorizes a child's current foster parents to attend and participate as parties in all Child Protective Act proceedings subsequent to a disposition hearing. (SD1)	HMS, JHW
SB 2332 SD1 (SSCR2338)	RELATING TO HOUSING. Amends the definitions of "public housing project" and "tenant" for purposes of evictions from federal public housing. Amends references to the time period in which a public housing tenant has to request a grievance hearing in the written notice of eviction to conform to the recently amended grievance procedure rules. Amends reference to public housing project or complex in the residential landlord-tenant code. (SD1)	CPH/HMS, JHW
SB 2327 SD1 (SSCR2216)	RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORTING. 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 2443 SD1 (SSCR2220)	RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE VISITATION RIGHTS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND HANAI INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INFORMALLY RAISING THESE CHILDREN. 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. (SD1)	HMS, JHW

SB 2938 SD1 (SSCR2406)	RELATING TO COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION. Requires that community organizations such as neighborhood boards and community associations be notified when halfway houses, clean and sober homes, or drug rehabilitation homes are being proposed to be situated in their community. (SD1)	IGA/HMS, JHW
SB 2079 SD1 (SSCR2468)	RELATING TO CHILDREN. Establishes a motor vehicle violation that prohibits leaving a child unsupervised in a motor vehicle. Requires the examiner of drivers to test driver's license applicants for knowledge of this offense. (SD1)	HMS, JHW

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Colleen Hanabusa Chair