

# THE SENATE THE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2006

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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 9, 2006

TIME:

4:15 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 06

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

## <u>AGENDA</u>

SB 1017	RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE. Requires members of the clergy to report cases of child abuse to the police or the department of human services; exempts confidential clergy communications.	HMS, JHW
SB 2688	RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.  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.	HMS, JHW
SB 3204	RELATING TO VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES. Requires violent video games to be labeled as specified and prohibits the sale or rental of those violent video games to minors. Provides that a person who violates the law shall be fined up to \$1,000 for each violation.	HMS, JHW
SB 3233	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.	HMS, JHW
SB 2636	RELATING TO THE AT-HOME INFANT CARE PROGRAM. Allows qualifying TANF recipients to act as full-time at-home caregivers for children under two years of age and to receive 90-100 per cent of the childcare subsidy the State would otherwise pay for the childcare services.	HMS, WAM
SB 3254	RELATING TO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. Extends the statutory authority for the licensing of home and community-based case management agencies and the certification of community care foster family homes until 06/30/08.	HMS, JHW



SB 2440	RELATING TO A COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.  Appropriates \$4,000,000 for a comprehensive family caregiver assistance program. Requires director of taxation to submit proposed legislation and projections of effect on tax revenues by a \$1,000 tax credit for family caregivers before convening of 2007 regular session.	HMS, WAM
SB 2713	RELATING TO ELDERLY IDENTIFICATION.  Appropriates funds for SageWatch to adopt the former Kupuna ID Project as part of its outreach services.	HMS, WAM
SB 3007	RELATING TO A COMMISSION TO CELEBRATE 2008 AS THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY. Establishes the year of the family celebration 2008 commission. Appropriates funds for the commission's operating expenses.	HMS, WAM
SB 2692	RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.  Prohibits recovery of public assistance overpayments resulting from the action or inaction of the department of human services, to the extent that recovery does not conflict with requirements for the receipt of financial assistance from the federal government.	HMS, WAM
SB 2140	RELATING TO MEDICAID.  Statutorily requires the Medicaid spend-down level to be equal to the current federal poverty level.	HMS, WAM
SB 2681	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. Appropriates funds to the department of human services for temporary positions for Micronesian language interpreters.	HMS, WAM
SB 2003	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Limits the Department of Human Services' recovery of funds on a real property lien to the recipient's equity interest in the home.	HMS, WAM
SB 2507	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Eliminates cap on enrollment in QUEST program. Appropriates \$ for FY 2006-2007.	HMS, WAM
SB 3206	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Increases maximum enrollment in QUEST program from 125,000 to 150,000. Requires DHS to immediately adopt rules, which are exempt from the public notice, public hearing, and gubernatorial approval requirements of the administrative procedure law, to implement the new cap. Appropriation of \$ .	HMS, WAM
SB 3207	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GRANT TO THE OPEN DOOR ACADEMY.  Makes a grant appropriation for human services to the Open Door Academy.	HMS, WAM
SB 2512	RELATING TO TAXATION. Amends HRS section 235-1 to include the definition of "totally disabled."	HMS, WAM



SB 2498	RELATING TO AGING IN PLACE TAX CREDIT.  Provides a tax credit to taxpayers that renovate their residence to accommodate a handicapped or aging person.	HMS, WAM
SB 3211	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Exempts up to \$2,000 a year of gross income for trusts that benefit a blind, deaf, or totally disabled individual, and taxes income in excess of the exemption at 0.5% rate.	HMS, WAM
SB 3213	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX.  Provides a general excise tax exemption for amounts received for food purchases from participants in the "WIC" supplemental food program for women, infants, and children under age 5.	HMS, WAM

## Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

Persons wishing to testify should submit 35 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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Chair

