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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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MEASURES DEFERRED TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006

TIME: 2:45 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

(Deferred from Thursday, February 2, 2006)

SB 2327	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 2615	RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION. 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.	HMS, JHW
SB 2685	RELATING TO THE INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF KANAKA MAOLI. 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".	HMS, JHW
SB 3218	RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF HARMED CHILDREN. 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.	HMS
SB 2627	CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT. 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.	HMS, WAM



SB 2162	RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN. 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.	HMS, JHW
SB 2617	RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES. 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.	HMS, WAM

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 586-6130.

