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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 06, 2007

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

S.B. 258	RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE Establishes a long-term care income tax to pay for long-term care benefits; establishes long-term care income tax credit for amounts paid for purchase of long-term care insurance; clarifies that long-term care taxes are not state funds; makes appropriations.	HSP, EDT, WAM
S.B. 624	RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE Provides a tax credit to individual taxpayers for premiums paid for long-term care insurance contracts.	HSP, EDT, WAM
S.B. 673	RELATING TO CAREGIVERS Provides a \$1,000 refundable tax credit to eligible taxpayers who care for qualified care recipients.	HSP, EDT, WAM
S.B. 704	RELATING TO TAXATION Exempts amounts received by trusts whose sole beneficiaries are blind, deaf, or disabled from up to \$2,000 in income. Limits general excise tax amounts collected from the trusts to one-half per cent.	HSP, EDT, WAM
S.B. 901	RELATING TO TAXATION Establishes exemptions from income and general excise taxes for certified adult foster homes.	HSP, EDT, WAM
S.B. 926	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING Establishes a task force on the department of aging to determine programs and services that will be under the jurisdiction of a new department of aging. Requires the executive office on aging to lead the task force and submit findings and recommendations to the legislature.	HSP , WAM
S.B. 1182	RELATING TO NEEDS ALLOWANCE Establishes a needs allowance for residents of care homes and long-term care facilities.	HSP/EDT, WAM

S.B. 1184	<p>RELATING TO ADULT PROTECTION</p> <p>Amends dependent adult protective services law by: (1) deleting definition of "dependent adult"; (2) extending protections to persons between 18 and 74 years of age if they meet the definition of "vulnerable adult"; (3) adding definition of "elder" to extend protections to persons 75 years or older; (4) enabling the department of human services to investigate and the court to have jurisdiction when reason exists to believe that an elder or vulnerable adult has been abused or is threatened with imminent abuse; and (5) making conforming amendments for style, consistency, and clarity.</p>	HSP, JDL
S.B. 1188	<p>RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE</p> <p>Appropriates funds to assist with the development of the aging and disability resource center program.</p>	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1189	<p>APPROPRIATION; CAREGIVING</p> <p>Makes an appropriation to the department of health for an assessment of the issues facing, and the needs of grandparents raising grandchildren in Hawaii.</p>	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1190	<p>RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE</p> <p>Establishes an office of the long-term care ombudsman within the executive office on aging and appropriates funds for the office to hire additional staff and to support the office's operating costs to ensure adequate services on the neighbor islands.</p>	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1194	<p>RELATING TO CAREGIVING</p> <p>Increases kupuna care program by appropriating funds to expand the program's in-home and access services and provide expanded assistance and support to family caregivers.</p>	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1195	<p>RELATING TO SAGE PLUS</p> <p>Appropriates funds for the Sage PLUS program to expand services to the neighbor islands and to support the program's operating costs.</p>	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1196	<p>RELATING TO CAREGIVING</p> <p>Appropriates funds to continue the coordination and development of family caregiver support services.</p>	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1197	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION</p> <p>Establishes an income tax credit for taxpayers who make modifications to their home to increase accessibility for individuals with disabilities.</p>	HSP/EDT, WAM
S.B. 1199	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION</p> <p>Provides a tax credit to taxpayer caregivers who care for qualified care recipients.</p>	HSP/EDT, WAM
S.B. 1200	<p>RELATING TO FAMILY CAREGIVING</p> <p>Requires the executive office on aging to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the needs of care recipients who are age sixty and older with physical or cognitive disabilities and the needs of their family caregivers.</p>	HSP, WAM

S.B. 1201	RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE Establishes a pilot program to reimburse family caregivers of functionally dependent or cognitively impaired care recipients; appropriates funds for that purpose; sunsets in 2012,	HSP/EDT, WAM
S.B. 1202	RELATING TO CAREGIVING Extends the life of the joint legislative committee on family caregiving to 6/30/08. Expands the focus of the committee to explore a paid family leave program. Provides a broader definition for "family caregiver."	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1203	RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES Requires the department of human services to develop and implement a "cash and counseling" pilot program and appropriates funds for that purpose.	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1205	RELATING TO CAREGIVING Appropriates funds for the executive office on aging to develop and implement a volunteer-hours exchange pilot program in two communities.	HSP, WAM
S.B. 1206	RELATING TO CAREGIVING Appropriates funds for the executive office on aging to develop and implement an emergency and evening respite care pilot program.	HSP, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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