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NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 23, 2008
TIME: 10 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

This purpose of this Informational Briefing is to review the impact of Lupus in Hawaii, the services and programs that are available to individuals with Lupus and prospective policies to effectively deal with Lupus in Hawaii.

Lupus is a widespread and chronic (lifelong) autoimmune disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own tissue and organs, including the joints, kidneys, heart, lungs, brain, blood, and skin. Although there is no cure for Lupus, we now know there are genetic factors, environmental triggers and certain types of drugs that can cause Lupus.

The immune system normally protects the body against viruses, bacteria, and other foreign materials. However, for those that suffer from Lupus, their immune system loses its ability to tell the difference between foreign substances and its own cells and tissue. The immune system then makes antibodies directed against itself.

The following agencies and representatives have been invited to participate in the briefing:

The Director of the State Department of Health or her designee; and

Medical Doctors and experts dealing with Lupus; and

Representatives from Lupus Hawaii; and

Healthcare providers and organizations dealing with Lupus.

No public testimony will be accepted.

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