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JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY CAREGIVING

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NOTICE OF MEETING


DATE: Friday, November 16, 2007  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 225  
State Capitol,  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving will meet to address two different methods of providing financial assistance to family caregivers: (1) Cash and Counseling, and (2) a Refundable Caregiver Tax Credit. Part 7 of Act 204 requested the Executive Office on Aging to research the Cash and Counseling program and its implementation in other states, and conduct a cost-benefit analysis of a family caregiver refundable tax credit as proposed in S.B. 1199 SD2 (2007). The committee has invited Dr. Felix Blumhardt of the Center for Training, Evaluation, and Research of the Pacific at the University of Hawaii School of Social Work to present his findings on the Cash and Counseling program; and Dr. Dave Nixon of the Public Policy Center at the University of Hawaii College of Social Sciences to present his analysis of the Refundable Caregiver Tax Credit.

The purpose of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving, as stated in Act 285 (2006), is to develop a comprehensive public policy program to support family caregivers who provide unpaid, informal assistance to persons sixty and older with physical or cognitive disabilities. The Committee will consider providing support in categories including but not limited to: coordinated services and policies, training and education, respite services, financial incentives, and balancing work and caregiving.

Persons who wish to submit testimony are asked to contact the committee clerk at 586-6250. All testifiers are requested to submit 45 copies of their testimony at least 24 hours before the briefing in room 220 at the State Capitol, or by fax to 586-6251. If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting (i.e., sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) please contact the committee clerk 24 hours prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made.

  
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Senator Les Ihara, Jr.  
Co-Chair

  
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Representative Marilyn B. Lee  
Co-Chair



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State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

August 1, 2007

TO: Senator Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate

Representative Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker of the House

FROM: Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Co-Chair  
Representative Marilyn Lee, Co-Chair  
Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving

SUBJECT: Interim Meetings of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving

On July 6, 2007, the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving adopted a schedule of meetings for our interim work. Our major work will be to conduct a caregiver needs assessment, recommend legislation based in part on the assessment, and submit a report to the Legislature by December 27.

We would like to inform you about the JLCFC meeting schedule and request your pre-approval for purposes of issuing the meeting notices. The meeting dates and purposes are provided below.


1. August 16, 1:00 pm conf. rm. 229 – briefing on grandparents caring for grandchildren
2. September 13, 1:30 pm, conf. rm. 225 – briefing on family leave program
3. November 16, 1:30 pm, conf. rm. 225 – briefing on needs assessment report
4. November 29, 1:30 pm, conf. rm. 225 – approve outline on report to legislature
5. December 11, 1:30 pm, conf. rm. 225 – review draft report to legislature
6. December 18, 1:30 pm, conf. rm. 225 – approve final report to legislature

Thank you for your support of Hawai'i's elderly and the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving. We would be happy to brief you should you ever have any questions.

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