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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to review impending significant reductions necessary to address the state's fiscal shortfall. The House Committee on Human Services will be working with the Administration to remain committed to positive outcomes for children and youth in low-income households, ensuring more children are enrolled in no-cost or low-cost human service programs, better linking the needs of the state's seniors and persons with disabilities with the appropriate services, protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and addressing the growing number of unemployed with employment training programs.

The subject of layoffs, reduction in work days, and wage reduction of DHS employees will be discussed.

The following organizations have been invited to participate:

Debbie Shimizu from PHOCUSED; and

Mike Gleason from the Arc of Hilo and Easter Seals Hawaii; and

Ellen Ching from the Arc of Kauai; and

Anna Keller Collins from the Medicaid Waivers Providers Association; and

A representative from Legal Aid Society; and

The Director of the Department of Human Services or her designee.

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Rep. John M. Mizuno
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