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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, March 30, 2009
TIME: 8:45 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

AMENDED AGENDA

The Hawaii Family Forum/Hawaii Catholic Conference, Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center & Members of Royal Kaukani's family have been added as testifiers/presenters for this briefing.

The purpose of this informational briefing is to review suggestions from faith based organizations and survivors of domestic violence on ways the State of Hawaii can improve its services to victims of domestic violence. The faith based organizations will discuss potential educational and awareness campaigns that will provide possible options to better address domestic violence in our communities. The Human Services Committee will discuss ways in which the domestic violence safety net can be improved and how faith-organizations can network to better address gaps in services for victims of domestic violence. Discussion will also focus on the viability of having faith based organizations serve as safe havens to victims of domestic violence.

The Committee will also discuss how a continuum of religious freedom is critical to faith based organizations and charitable individuals who provide human services to the community

The following organizations/individuals have been invited to participate:

Kenneth Copeland Ministries; and

Believers Stand United; and

Hawaii Family Forum/Hawaii Catholic Conference, Executive Director & Former Hawaii State Representative Dennis Arakaki; and

Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center, Chief Executive Officer, Robin Kobayashi

The Executive Director of GirlFest Hawaii; and

Aya Sato; and

A Domestic Violence Survivor; and

Diamond Badajos the relative of Janel Tupuola; and

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Members from Royal Kaukani's family; and

Other Organizations for Domestic Violence Victims.

In order to ensure the courtesy for all of the testifiers, please limit comments to no more than 5 minutes.

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Rep. John M. Mizuno
Chair

