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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, September 3, 2009
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to update the Senate on the Hawai'i Quest program changes and the status of the amendment to the federal health bill that provides Medicaid eligibility to the citizens of the Compact of Free Association Nations.

PRESENTERS: *Federated States of Micronesia (FSM):* Hon. Lorin Robert, Secretary of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Vita Skilling, Secretary of Health and Social Services; His Excellency Yosiwo P. George, FSM Ambassador to the United States; Mr. James Naich, Deputy Chief of Mission, FSM Embassy in Washington, DC; Mr. Akillino H. Susaia, FSM Consul General, State of Hawai'i; and Mr. Daniel Rescue, FSM Consulate Hawai'i Staff. *Republic of the Marshall Islands:* Hon. John Silk, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Noda Lojkar, Consul General, Honolulu, Hawai'i. *State of Hawai'i:* Dr. Kenneth Fink, Administrator, MED-QUEST Division, Department of Human Services. *Medical community:* Dr. Neal Palafox, Chair, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine & Community Health; Dr. Sheldon Riklon, member, Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition. *Organization:* Mr. William J. Swain, representing Pa Emman Kabjere.

Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways by 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the hearing:

By Email: Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length, to the TIA Committee at TIAWitness@capitol.hawaii.gov.

In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the Committee Clerk, Room 205, State Capitol.

By FAX: Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing.

Please note: Oral testimony will not be accepted due to prior time constraints.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., sign or foreign 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 586-6903.

Senator J. Kalani English
Chair

APPROVED:

Senator Colleen Hanabusa
President

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