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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, September 16, 2010
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to discuss elder care in Hawaii. According to the executive office on aging, by year 2020 one in four Hawaii residents will be age 60 or older. Hawaii's elderly population is the fastest growing segment in the country.

This briefing will review the state's ability to address the needs of the elderly and review the need for changes in policy and public responsibility to adequately address the main issues for the elderly and their caregivers and families.

Consumer protection issues dealing with Hawaii's seniors, such as but not limited to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation will be topics of discussion.

Case Managers, case management agencies, non-emergency transportation service agencies, community care homes (foster homes), and Adult Day Care Centers under the purview of the Department of Human Services (DHS) will present information of their role in the long-term healthcare continuum for the elderly in Hawaii and provide recommendations on improving healthcare and services for the elderly.

At the conclusion of the briefing, the Chair of the Human Services Committee will summarize the suggested solutions ascertained from this briefing to better address healthcare and services for Hawaii's elderly. The Committee Chair may also identify future legislation aimed at reducing elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

The following organizations have been invited to participate in this briefing:



State Department of Human Services
Adult Protective Services (DHS)
Community Ties of America (DHS)
Honolulu Police Department (HPD)
Dr. Cullen Hayashida, Kapiolani Community College
Ohana Health Plan
Evercare Hawaii
Healthcare Association of Hawaii
Adult Foster Homes/Care Homes under purview of DHS
All non-emergency transportation agencies under DHS
All case managers and case management agencies under DHS
Other individuals or organizations related to caregivers, case managers, care home operators, and adult foster home operators.

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Only testimony from people on the testifiers list will be accepted.

Persons on the testifiers list wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing with a transmittal cover indicating:

- Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee the comments are directed to;
- The date and time of the hearing or briefing;
- Measure number if applicable; and
- The number of copies the Committee is requesting.

While every effort will be made to copy, organize, and collate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing/briefing or improperly identified or directed to the incorrect office, may be distributed to the Committee after the hearing.

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PAPER: One copy (including an original) to Room 315 in the State Capitol;

FAX: For comments less than 5 pages in length, transmit to 586-8524 (Oahu) or 1-800-535-3859 (Neighbor Islands); or

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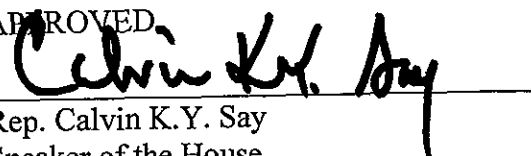
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Rep. John M. Mizuno
Chair

APPROVED


Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker of the House

