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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2011

TIME: 3:30 p.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 the issues, under the purview of Child Welfare Services (CSW)¹, such as but not limited to standards for investigation of child abuse, reporting of child abuse, definition of child abuse, and final disposition for cases involving alleged abuse or neglect of children.

The briefing will review the balance between confidentiality for cases under the Department of Human Services and information which may be provided to family members only and/or the public in relation to cases of alleged child abuse or neglect.

At the conclusion of the briefing, the Chair of the House Human Services Committee will highlight the top concerns relating to the current system on child abuse and neglect obtained through the briefing and the top solutions proposed to better address child abuse and neglect in Hawaii.

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

Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services

Honolulu Police Department

Individuals with direct knowledge of child abuse or neglect

Agencies and faith based organizations which receive state funding for youth victims of abuse, neglect, or violence.

¹ Child Welfare Services is the social service provided to children and their families when children are reported to have been harmed or at risk of harm.. HRS Sec. 350 defines child abuse or neglect as "the acts or omissions of any person who or legal entity which, is in any manner or degree related to the child, is residing with the child, or is otherwise responsible for the child's care, that have resulted in the physical or psychological health or welfare of the child, who is under the age of eighteen, to be harmed, or to be subject to any reasonably foreseeable, substantial risk of being harmed..."



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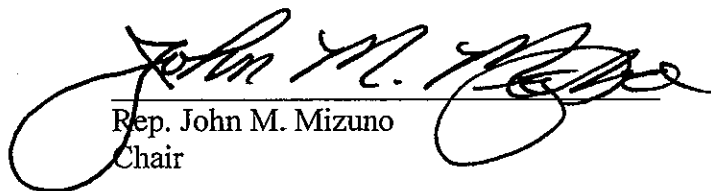
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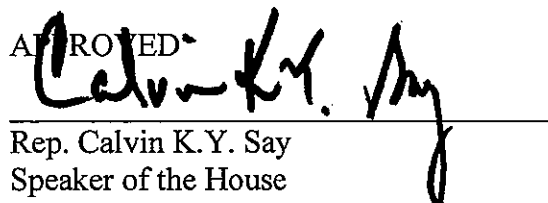
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