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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2012
TIME: 9:45am – 10:45am
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to discuss questions, concerns, and/or comments regarding the following bills:

HB1710

RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.

Drug Testing; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Requires applicants and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cash benefits to submit to drug testing when reasonable cause exists indicating illegal drug use. Establishes ineligibility to receive benefits for one year for testing positive or refusing to submit to drug testing

HB1711

RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Drug Screening

Requires drug testing for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) applicants. Provides that applicants who test positive for a controlled substance may receive TANF funds upon the successful completion of a 6-month substance abuse program

Specifically, this informational briefing will answer some of the high-profile questions and concerns about these measures such as:

Do these measures violate the U.S. Constitution's 4th Amendment right of unreasonable searches and seizures of the individual?

Private employers are allowed to drug test prospective employees. Does this mean the government should be allowed to drug test welfare recipients or applicants?

Is there a relevant connection between TANF recipients and illegal drug use?

Are these measures unreasonably targeting or stereotyping TANF (public assistant) recipients and applicants?

Finally, at the conclusion of this informational briefing, the Chair will summarize the relevant arguments for and against these two measures.



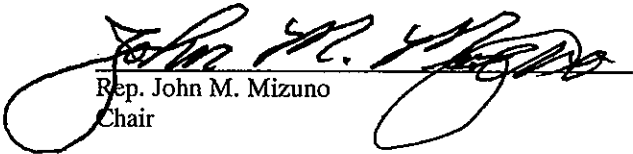
The following organizations and/or individuals have been invited to participate:

Pat McManaman, Director of the Department of Human Services (or her designee); and
David Louie, Hawaii State Attorney General (or his designee); and
American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii; and
Alan Johnson, Director of Hina Mauka; and
Kat Brady, Community Alliance on Prisons; and
Any other organizations or individuals that will potentially be affected by these measures.

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Rep. John M. Mizuno
Chair

