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Hawaii State Legislature to Receive Update on Implementation of Hawaii's Insurance Exchange

Honolulu- The Senate and House commerce and consumer protection, health, and human services committees will be holding an informational briefing to receive an update from the Hawai'i Health Connector and various state agencies regarding implementation of Hawaii's insurance exchange and other matters relating to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The briefing will be held on **Wednesday, Oct 9, 2013, in Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 329 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** and from **1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

"This informational briefing provides us with an opportunity to come together to discuss the progress and challenges being faced by the Hawai'i Health Connector following its October 1 launch," said Senator Roz Baker, chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. "Like many health insurance marketplaces across the nation the Connector is working hard to provide information and services to the public about their health insurance choices. We want to see how the system is doing and examine other issues that impact Hawaii's health care consumers."

"There are a myriad of issues that have arisen due to the interplay between the Affordable Care Act and Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act," said Representative Angus McKelvey, chair of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. "By engaging in a constructive discussion between the stakeholders and their respective counterparts we can better identify and address these issues."

The following individuals have been invited to participate:

- Coral Andrews, Executive Director, Hawai'i Health Connector
- Gordon Ito, Insurance Commissioner, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
- Tom Matsuda, ACA Implementation Manager, Officer of the Governor
- Ed Wang, Prepaid Health Care Program Chief, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
- Dr. Kenny Fink, Administrator, Med-Quest Division, Department of Human Services

The Hawai'i Health Connector is the online health insurance marketplace for Hawai'i. A non-profit organization, the Connector was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 2011 (Act 205), in order

to comply with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The Connector's insurance marketplace program launched earlier this month.

This informational briefing will be broadcasted by Capitol TV.

No public testimony will be accepted.

For more information please see the Notice of Informational Briefing:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2013/hearingnotices/HEARING_SEN_CPN-HTH-HMS-CPC-HLT-HUS_10-09-13_INFO_.HTM.

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