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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Friday, December 8, 2017
TIME: 1:00PM
PLACE: Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

Suicide is a major world health concern that can have major lasting effects on individuals, families, and communities. In Hawai'i, suicide is the leading cause of fatal injury death. One person dies by suicide every two days in our State.

In response to this public health issue, the Hawai'i State Legislature introduced and passed House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 66 during the 2016 Legislative Session. HCR 66 requested that the Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Taskforce (PSHTF) recommend a strategic plan to reduce suicides in Hawai'i by at least 25% by the year 2025 (adapted from the national campaign, "20% by 2025"). The PSHTF is a statewide network of public, private, government, and community partners that collaborates around suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention¹ in Hawai'i.

The purpose of this Briefing will be to allow the PSHTF's strategic planning committee, a temporary group formed in response to HCR 66, to present its preliminary recommendations to the Legislature. In addition, updated information, data, and resources regarding suicide prevention in Hawai'i will be provided. Some of the Taskforce recommendations and proposals may become bills and resolutions to introduce in the upcoming 2018 Legislative session.

¹ A postvention is an intervention conducted after a suicide, largely taking the form of support for the bereaved (family, friends, professionals and peers).



If you or someone you know needs help, do not hesitate to reach out:

- Crisis Line of Hawaiꞑ i– 832-3100 (Oꞑ ahu) or 1-800-753-6879 (Neighbor Islands)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line – text “ALOHA” to 741-741

No public testimony will be accepted.

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