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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Wednesday, March 6, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

On June 12, 1974, Hawaii became the first state in the nation to enact employer-based health care insurance, setting minimum standards of health care benefits for workers. The purpose of this briefing is to provide an overview of the history of the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act, its requirements and the regulatory framework that has been in place for nearly fifty years ensuring access to affordable health care for Hawaii's residents and families.

Additionally, this briefing will provide an overview of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and the exemption for Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act, the enactment and implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also referred to as the Affordable Care Act or "ACA", and how these laws interact with Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act. Participants have been asked to brief the Committee and the public on issues including but not limited to: (1) the requirements for Essential Health Benefits ("EHBs") in Hawaii; (2) waivers received from the federal government specific to Hawaii's health insurance marketplace; (3) proposed federal rules related to EHBs and future designation of EHBs; (4) the issue of defrayment by states for new state mandated health insurance benefits; and (5) the potential impacts of ACA litigation on the design, benefits, and coverage of health insurance in Hawaii.

The following individuals or representatives are invited to participate in this briefing:

1. Joann Vidinhar, Deputy Director, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Disability Compensation Division;
2. Li-Ann Yamashiro, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, Labor Division
3. Adam Rosenberg, Deputy Attorney General, Labor Division;
4. Insurance Commissioner Gordon Ito, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Insurance Division;
5. Arlene Ige, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Health Branch Administrator, Insurance Division;
6. Ian Robertson, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Insurance Division;



7. Bryan C. Yee, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, Commerce and Economic Development Division;
8. Andrew Kim, Deputy Attorney General, Commerce and Economic Development Division; and
9. Lauren Chun, Deputy Attorney General, Appellate Division.

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Rep. Della Au Belatti
Chair

