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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room ~~225~~ 016 **[Changed on 04-07-25]**
& Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

This briefing aims to address the April 2024 audit and concerns regarding Foster Care by Child Welfare Services (CWS). This hearing is a follow up on the November 21st, 2024 informational briefing in light of recent events. The goal is to ensure strategies to improve recruitment, and strengthen the CWS system's effectiveness.

List of individuals/Departments that will be present:

- Department of Education
- Department of Human Services: Director Yamane and ~~Deputy Director Kate~~ **[Deleted on 04-07-25]**
- Attorney General – Anne Lopez
- Department of Child Welfare Services: Daisy Hartsfield – Administrator, Elladine Olevao – CWS Brand Administrator
- Office of Wellness & Resilience

Please note that each presenter will have fifteen minutes to present so that there will time for questions and answers.

Agenda:

- I. Overview from Complaint to Permanency of a Child Abuse Case
 - a. Issues need to be addressed; Long Term Vacancy/ Shortage of Social Workers and Foster Parents
- II. Oversight Issues after permanency.
 - a. Attorney General – Constitutionality of inspections after Adoption/Guardianship
 - b. DOE – Homeschooling/Access to Mandated Reporters
- III. Update on Recruitment of NGO's, Foster Families & Social Workers
 - a. Issues regarding insurance, lack of NGO's willingness to provide oversight.
 - b. DHS plans on increasing recruitment of Social Workers, Foster Parents/Resource Caregivers.
- IV. Changes – Whether Oversight Commission Needed
- V. Questions/Federal Issues

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair