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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, October 20, 2025

TIME: 2:30PM

PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to receive an update from the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Adult Mental Health Division and the Hawai'i State Hospital (HSH) leadership regarding the HSH patient census, strategies for capacity management, and collaborative solutions, particularly those addressing patients under Chapter 704, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS).

List of individuals/ Departments that will be present:

- Department of Health Courtenay Matsu, M.D, Medical Director of Adult Mental Health Division
- Department of Health Mark Linscott, Administrator, Hawai'i State Hospital
- Department of Health Gavin Takenaka, Psy.D., Administrator of Adult Mental Health Division
- Department of Health Brenda Bauer-Smith, Psy.D., Court Evaluation Branch Chief of Adult Mental Health Division
- Department of the Attorney General Anne Lopez, Attorney General
- Department of the Attorney General David Day, Special Assistant to the Attorney General
- Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Tommy Johnson, Director [Added 10-15-25]

Agenda:

- I. Factors Contributing to Hawai'i State Hospital Census
- II. Hawai'i State Hospital Decompression Plan
- III. Opportunities for Collaborative Solutions

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No public testimony will be accepted.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair

Senator Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate