THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2008**

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Thursday, January 24, 2008

TIME:

1:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

SB 2042

RELATING TO CAREGIVING.

HSP, WAM

Testimony

Extends the joint legislative committee on family caregiving; changes the committee's name to the joint legislative committee on aging in place; expands the committee's mandate to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving; requires the aging and disability resource center to report to the committee; requires the joint legislative committee to conduct a cash and counseling project; appropriates funds to the joint legislative committee; allows kupuna care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, as well as provide grants to caregivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to the kupuna care program.

SB 2045

RELATING TO CAREGIVING.

HSP, WAM

Testimony

Establishes a task force to focus on the needs of and issues facing

grandparents raising grandchildren.

SB 2046

Testimony

RELATING TO MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

HSP, CPH

Requires regular surveys of residents of multi-unit residential buildings

on specific needs and issues relating to medical needs, accommodations for the disabled, and other special needs for emergency preparation purposes. Requires multi-unit residential buildings to have and inform their residents of emergency evacuation

plans.

SB 2047

RELATING TO TAXATION.

HSP, EDT, WAM

Testimony

Establishes an income tax credit for taxpayers who make modifications to their home to increase accessibility for individuals with disabilities

or special needs.

SB 2048

RELATING TO CAREGIVING.

HSP, WAM

Testimony

Appropriates funds to the Executive Office on Aging to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawaii

at Manoa School of Social Work.

SB 2049

RELATING TO TAXATION.

HSP, EDT, WAM

Testimony

Provides a tax credit to taxpayer caregivers who care for qualified care

recipients.

SB 2054

RELATING TO FAMILY COURT.

HSP, JDL

Testimony

Amends custody and visitation criteria and procedures to specify what

factors the courts shall consider in determining the best interest of the

child.

SB 2055

RELATING TO FAMILY COURT.

HSP, JDL

Testimony

Establishes the procedures and requirements for child custody

evaluator training and certification.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland

Chair

