THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

TIME: 2:15pm

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

SB 190 RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME. HMS

Allows a married couple, consisting of two private pay clients who meet certain conditions, to live in the same community care foster

Status family home. Sunsets 7/1/2011.

SB 809 RELATING TO CHILDREN. HMS, WAM

Testimony

Establishes a task force to coordinate resources for homeless children.

Sunsets on 6/30/13. Establishes and appropriates funds to the kokua na keiki special fund. Creates an administrative grant program for the

department of human services to award grants for programs that

benefit homeless children.

SB 774 RELATING TO SCHOOLS. HMS, WAM

Testimony
Appropriates TANF funds for non-school-hour programs; appropriates funds for the Safe Haven after-school program in Hawaii county;
Status establishes a task force on non-school-hour programs; and appropriates

general funds for non-school-hour activities and an educational

specialist II.

SB 1668 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. HMS, WAM

Testimony Eases the eligibility requirements for benefits under the supplemental

nutrition assistance program.

Status

SB 783 RELATING TO TAXATION. HMS, WAM

<u>Testimony</u>

Creates a state earned income tax credit funded initially with TANF funds. Restricts the interest charged by tax preparers to clients who

Status claim the earned income tax credit.

SB 790 Testimony Status	RELATING TO TAXATION. Provides a refundable state earned income tax credit equivalent to twenty per cent of the federal earned income tax credit. Requires the refundable portion of the earned income tax credit to be reimbursed by federal or state temporary assistance for needy families funds.	HMS, WAM
SB 197 Testimony Status	RELATING TO TAXATION. Provides a tax credit to a caregiver who cares for a qualified care recipient.	HMS, WAM
SB 789 Testimony Status	RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS. Clarifies guidelines for individual development accounts (IDAs) and designates the department of human services or a contracted agency to administer IDAs. Appropriates funds.	HMS, WAM
SB 782 Testimony Status	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. Establishes eligibility for unemployment insurance.	HMS, LBR
SB 784 Testimony Status	RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY. Requires that tenants of rental property be given sixty days written notice to vacate when the rental property is sold in foreclosure. Requires that tenants of rental property be notified when foreclosure proceedings have begun on the rental property.	HMS, CPN

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair