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

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2009

TIME: 1:45pm

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

A-M-E-N-D-E-D AGENDA

SB 800 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE COMMISSION HMS, WAM

ON FATHERHOOD.

Testimony

Appropriates funds for the state commission on fatherhood.

Status

SB 801 RELATING TO CHILDREN. HMS, WTL

Testimony

Establishes a pilot project to develop and operate statewide emergency

care, hanai ohana care, and specialized learning facilities for endangered and disadvantaged children. Requires the State to lease

land at a reduced rate to the department of human services for these

purposes.

SB 838 RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE. HMS, JGO

To provide greater protections to victims of domestic violence who the court is already attempting to keep safe through protective orders.

Status

SB 839 RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE. HMS, JGO

Testimony
To provide greater protection to our children, this bill amends the offense of promoting child abuse in the second degree to include the possession of particularly violent or egregious child pornography, and

it adds mandatory sentencing provisions for serious child abuse

offenses.

SB 851 RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT. HMS, JGO

Testimony

Clarifies that all income withholding payments be sent through the Child Support Enforcement Agency; allows the agency to disburse support by electronic deposit or debit card; allows for electronic copy

or facsimile of a signature as proof of service for certified mail;

clarifies lien payment and enforcement.

SB 912 RELATING TO PERMANENCY HEARINGS. HMS, JGO Amends chapter 587, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to ensure compliance **Testimony** with federal Title IV-E hearing requirements. **Status** RELATING TO NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS. **SB 913** HMS, JGO Amends section 560:5-113, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide that **Testimony** notice to parents shall not be required if the parents have been served in a proceeding under chapter 587, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and a Status permanent plan has been ordered by the Court. **SB 914** RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. HMS, WAM Amends section 346-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding definitions **Testimony** of "work eligible household" and "other work eligible household" and repealing the definition of "exempt household" to be consistent with Status recent changes in federal regulations. Also amends section 346-53(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be consistent with the new definitions. RELATING TO ASSISTANCE FOR AGED, BLIND, AND **SB 915** HMS, WAM PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS. **Testimony** Indicates that assistance for eligible aged, blind, and permanently and **Status** totally disabled persons is available up to the amount of any legislative appropriation not to exceed the current statutory sixty-two and one-half per cent of the standard of need. RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE. HMS, WAM **SB 916** Places a twelve-month limit on general assistance to households **Testimony** without minor dependents with appropriate exceptions. Status **SB 918** RELATING TO MEDICAID LIENS. HMS, JGO Clarifies existing law so the notice of the intent to place a lien on the **Testimony** real property of a Medicaid recipient will be valid if provided to the recipient or a designated representative of the recipient. **Status SB 921** RELATING TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HMS. WAM INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES AND CENTERS. **Testimony** Repeals section 348-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that establishes the Statewide Council on Independent Living. **Status** RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. **SB 1006** HMS, JGO Adds definitions of "caregiver" and "safe home" to the Child **Testimony** Protective Act. Clarifies that local customs of caring for children outside the family home by relatives and friends are, where **Status** appropriate, available alternatives to the department of human services and the court assuming custody of children. MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SAFE HAVEN AFTER **SB 1014** HMS, WAM SCHOOL PROGRAM. **Testimony** Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to Hawaii county for the safe haven after school program. **Status** MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR BIG ISLAND JUVENILE HMS, WAM **SB 1016** INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT CENTER. **Testimony** Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the juvenile intake and assessment center pilot site in Pahoa, Hawaii. **Status**

RELATING TO PRENATAL EXPOSURE TO CONTROLLED HMS, JGO **SB 1177** SUBSTANCES. **Testimony** Requires specified persons to report possible non-medical drug or alcohol abuse by a pregnant woman to the department of human **Status** services. Allows voluntary reporting by anyone else. Requires department of human services to make an assessment and offer services to the pregnant woman. SB 1189 RELATING TO DRUG TESTING. HMS, JGO Requires recipients of general assistance, food stamps, and temporary **Testimony** assistance to submit to drug testing for reasonable cause. **Status** RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT. HMS, JGO **SB 1210** Establishes a preference for bidders to government contracts who **Testimony** pledge to hire individuals with disabilities and certain temporary assistance to needy families recipients. **Status** RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. **SB 1329** HMS, WAM Authorizes the Hawaii Council of Mayors to name designees for their **Testimony** two representatives on the early learning council; changes the name of **Status** the keiki first steps trust fund to the early learning council trust fund and specifies that moneys in the trust fund shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year. RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE. HMS, WAM **SB 1330** Protects recipients of general assistance from having their benefits **Testimony** reduced by more than 10%. Requires DHS to allow individuals to receive general assistance benefits for the maximum amount of time Status permissible under federal law.

RELATING TO UTILITIES. HMS, CPN **SB 133**

Requires the public utilities commission to implement a program to **Testimony** achieve lifeline electricity rates for residential electricity users who are elders with limited income, the handicapped with limited income, and Status any person with a medical condition who is dependent on a medical

device requiring electricity to operate.

SB 882 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE HMS, WAM DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE Measure Added on **Testimony** BUDGET SHORTFALL. 02-06-09

Emergency appropriation from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Status Fund to replace general funds appropriated for the health care payments program (HMS 401) to address the budget shortfall in fiscal

year 2008-2009.

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF **SB 883**

HUMAN SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE BUDGET SHORTFALL. **Testimony** Fiscal Year 2009-2010 appropriation from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund in lieu of general funds for the health care payments Status

program (HMS 401) to address the budget shortfall in fiscal biennium

HMS, WAM

02-06-09

Measure Added on

2009-2011.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 226, State Capitol.
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- By Web: Testimony may be submitted online if less than 4MB in size, at http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony.
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