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

MEASURES DEFERRED TO FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009

Friday, March 20, 2009 DATE:

2:40 p.m. TIME:

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

(Deferred from Thursday, March 19, 2009)

HB 1101, HD1 Testimony

RELATING TO INVESTIGATORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

HMS, JGO

HUMAN SERVICES.

Authorizes the Director of Human Services to appoint and commission investigators to investigate incidents at the Hawaii youth correctional facilities, and gives these investigators access to necessary information maintained by state and county entities. Takes effect January 1, 2050.

(HB1101 HD1)

HB 1097, HD1 Testimony

RELATING TO ASSISTANCE FOR AGED, BLIND, AND PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS. HMS, WAM

Indicates that assistance for eligible aged, blind, and permanently and 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. (HB1097 HD1)

HB 1098, HD2 **Testimony**

RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

HMS, WAM

Places a twenty-four-month limit on general assistance to households

without minor dependents with appropriate exceptions. Requires DHS

to refer general assistance recipients to the aged, blind, and

permanently and totally disable program under specified conditions. Converts general assistance into an entitlement program. Takes effect

July 1, 2020. (HB1098 HD2)

HB 333, HD2 Testimony

RELATING TO TAXATION.

HMS, WAM

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

claim the earned income tax credit. (HB333 HD2)

HB 1354, HD2 **Testimony**

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

HMS, WAM

Appropriates Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds and general revenue funds for the Healthy Start and Enhanced Healthy

Start Programs, to maintain current services, to hire additional staff and

for provider training. (HB1354 HD2)

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS. HMS, WAM HB 1187, HD1

Testimony Assists the homeless in reuniting with their families. (HB1187 HD1)

ENCOURAGING STAKEHOLDERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES HMS/LBR **SCR 32**

> TO WORK TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH PAID FAMILY LEAVE OR SIMILAR WAGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS TO ASSIST

FAMILY CAREGIVERS.

Testimony

(The committee on LBR previously held its decision making on Thursday, March 19, 2009.)

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-6130.