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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE:

Thursday, April 1, 2010

TIME: PLACE: 10:20am - 11:45am Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

The purpose of this informational briefing is to address concerns about the Department of Human Services' (DHS) recent actions to eliminate 228 DHS employees from the Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD), Med-Quest Division (MQD), and other functions of the department without meaningful consultation with the affected employees and/or their union representatives. This informational briefing will also discuss the essential services for the vulnerable population of Hawaii and the potential costs and/or savings associated with both implementing and not implementing the proposed EPOD plan. Lastly, all viable solutions to address the impact that these changes may have on the State of Hawaii will be evaluated.

The following have been invited to participate:

The Executive Director and/or Deputy Executive Director of HGEA and/or their designee; and

All former and current employees of the Department of Human Services (DHS); and

All providers of services; and

PHOCUSED; and

Any other individual or organization that may be impacted by these proposed changes.

Submit testimony in ONE of the following ways:

PAPER: 20 copies (including the original) to Room 315 in the State Capitol; or

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