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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE:

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

TIME:

10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

The purpose of this informational briefing is to bring awareness to the growing crisis of gang-related violence involving youth in Hawaii. Discussion will also touch upon community and agencies relationships dealing with "at risk" youth issues.

The briefing will look toward "best practices" in addressing gang-related youth violence and programs which have helped to empower youth in educational and work-related settings.

At the conclusion of the briefing, the Committee will highlight the viable solutions gathered to effectively address gang-related youth violence and crimes in Hawaii. The focus will be on empowering youth toward successful independence and ways to improve family and state communications and relationship dealing with youth. Programs which provide job training, counseling, and education for "at risk" youth will be discussed.

The following organizations have been invited to participate in this briefing:

Department of Human Services, Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility Department of Human Services, Child Protective Services Branch Parents for Righteousness Halley Hobson, Generation Joshua Edwin Flores, Hawaii Family Law Clinic, DBA, Ala Kuola Adult Friends for Youth Former and current gang members

Paxen Huli Ke Alo, LLC

Agencies and faith based organizations which receive state funding for youth programs and other related human services providers working with the state's youth.

Hearing HUS 07-20-10 Info. If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids and/or services to participate in the informational briefing (i.e., sign language interpreter or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the Committee Clerk at 586-6050 to make a request for arrangements at least 24 hours prior to the briefing. Prompt requests help to ensure the availability of qualified individuals and appropriate accommodations.

For further information, please call the Committee Clerk at 586-6050.

Only testimony from people on the testifiers list will be accepted.

Persons on the testifiers list wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least <u>24 hours</u> prior to the hearing with a transmittal cover indicating:

- Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee the comments are directed to;
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PAPER: One copy (including an original) to Room 315 in the State Capitol;

FAX: For comments less than 5 pages in length, transmit to 586-8524 (Oahu) or 1-800-535-3859 (Neighbor

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