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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

TIME: 10:00AM

PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to receive a critical update from the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding the impact of the current Federal Government Shutdown on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Hawai'i and to review the state's contingency plan to ensure food security for affected residents. The agenda will focus on confirming the status of benefits for the current and future months and outlining the economic and social impact on the state's economy. Discussion will also cover other critical, federally-funded, state-administered HHS programs, specifically the highly vulnerable WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program, and impacts to Food Bank Hawaii.

List of individuals/ Departments that will be present:

- Department of Human Services (DHS), Scott Morishige, Administrator, Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division ([DHS Briefing Materials](#))
- Department of Health (DOH), Mathew Shim, Chief, Family Health Services Division ([DOH Briefing Materials](#))
- Hawaii Food Bank, Elia Herman, Director of Advocacy ([Hawaii Food Bank Briefing Materials](#))

Agenda

- I. Federal Shutdown Effects on SNAP
- II. Federal Shutdown Effects on WIC
- III. Federal Shutdown Effects on Hawaii Food Bank

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair

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