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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE:      Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
TIME:      9:00 a.m.  
PLACE:     Conference Room 325  
             State Capitol  
             415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The Legislature finds that Hawaii's high cost of living has significantly affected many families and individuals who struggle to purchase food. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a crucial component of public assistance which provides the necessary assistance in purchasing food for some of Hawaii's most disadvantaged citizens.

Hawaii secures over \$500,000,000 annually in SNAP funds, which is completely federal funds and for each \$1 in federal SNAP funds brought into Hawaii, it's generates \$1.80 toward the local economy. However, a comparison of data indicates that in September 2016, 173,669 people in Hawaii participated in the SNAP program, but during the same time 343,101 people in Hawaii were enrolled in Medicaid which is healthcare coverage for lower income families and individuals. The correlation discloses a significant number of Hawaii residents on Medicaid have not secured SNAP benefits.

When comparing other states, Hawaii's participation rate in the SNAP program is not considered high, therefore the purpose of this briefing is to focus on awareness campaigns, programs, and collaborating with government, businesses, non-profits, and faith based organizations, to secure higher participation rates in the SNAP program for the betterment of the poor, homeless, needy, hungry and to support the State.

The following organizations and individuals have been invited to participate in this Informational Briefing:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Director or his designee  
DHS Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Branch Administrator or their designee  
DHS Medicaid Administrator or their designee  
The Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division Administrator or their designee  
The State Interagency Council on Homelessness  
Office of Housing, City and County of Honolulu  
Community First  
Aloha United Way  
The Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice  
Hawaii Public Health  
PHOCUSED  
The Institute for Human Services (IHS)  
Ho'omau Ke Ola  
Additional non-profits if time permits

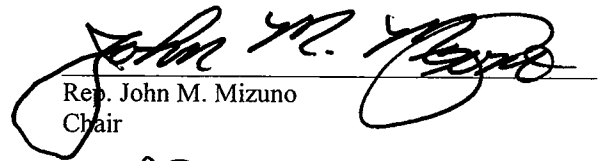


The goal of this briefing is to highlight the recommendations and solutions to secure greater participation in the SNAP Program, seeking to secure an additional \$250,000,000 in federal funds for the State's most needy.

No public testimony will be accepted.

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



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Rep. John M. Mizuno  
Chair



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Rep. Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker of the House

