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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2006
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 3173 SD1 (SSCR2465)	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. Requires the counties to establish and issue a special license plate designating an energy-efficient or alternative fuel vehicle and exempting those vehicles from the motor vehicle registration fee for a period of time; amending the procurement policy for state fleets to require energy-efficient vehicles. (SD1)	EIA, CPH/WAM
SB 2163 SD1 (SSCR2210)	RELATING TO HOUSING. Adds definition of "relative caregiver" and amends the definition of "elder or elderly households" to include minor children for whom a grandparent or other relative is the primary caretaker. Amends the definition of "elder" or "elderly" to be a person who is age fifty-five or older. (SD1)	HMS, CPH/WAM
SB 2293 SD1 (SSCR2512)	RELATING TO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PROTECTION. Requires businesses, subject to limited exceptions, from disclosing an individual's social security number to the general public; printing the SSN on an identification card or in mailings to customers; and requiring the transmission of a SSN to third parties without the individual's written consent unless the third party needs the information for a legitimate purpose. (SD1)	CPH/MAT



SB 3161 SD1 (SSCR2525)	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Establishes a biofuel preference; establishes objectives and policies for state facility systems with regard to energy; appropriates funds for a statewide multi-fuel biofuel production assessment; appropriates funds to assist the agricultural community interested in developing renewable energy projects; establishes a renewable hydrogen program and hydrogen investment capital special fund, and appropriates funds for three positions and to fund the hydrogen investment capital special fund. (SD1)	EIA, CPH
SB 3185 SD1 (SSCR2464)	RELATING TO ENERGY. Establishes a statewide energy efficiency utility and energy efficiency portfolio standards. (SD1)	EIA, CPH
SB 2082 (SSCR2285)	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Establishes the circumstances under which insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide employers with employer-sponsored group health claims experience. Establishes what type of information can be requested and provided.	HTH, CPH
SB 2227 SD1 (SSCR2478)	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Establishes telehealth as a reimbursable service. (SD1)	HTH/MAT, CPH
SB 2226 (SSCR2036)	RELATING TO DENTISTS. Establishes a permanent community service license by repealing the sunset date.	HTH, CPH
SB 3261 (SSCR2049)	RELATING TO DENTAL SPECIALISTS. Authorizes the licensure by credentials of dental specialists who are licensed in another state.	HTH, CPH
SB 2296 SD1 (SSCR2050)	RELATING TO NURSES. Provides for the automatic forfeiture of a license that is not timely renewed, an inactive license status, a two year restoration period for forfeited (non-renewed) licenses, and continuing education as alternative proof of continuing competence. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 3277 SD1 (SSCR2537)	RELATING TO NURSE AIDES. Establishes certification procedures for nurse aides employed in State licensed or State certified health care settings and medicare/medicaid facilities. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 2297 (SSCR2052)	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS. Amends the definition "practice of mental health counseling" to clarify that professional counseling services are determined by the specialized education, training, and experience that a practitioner completed.	HTH, CPH
SB 3231 SD1 (SSCR2515)	RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE. Establishes guidelines for licensure of genetic counselors to ensure professional and quality services for public safety and welfare. (SD1)	HTH, CPH

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

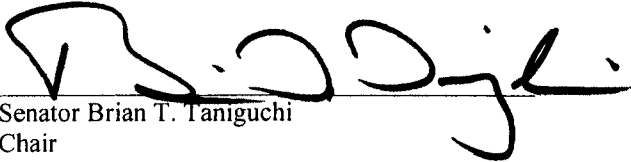


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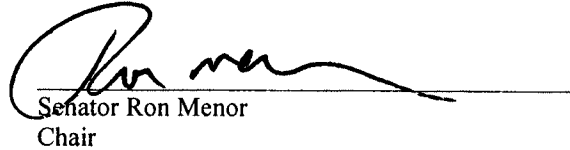
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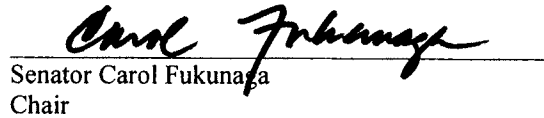
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