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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HOUSING

Senator Ron Menor, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

TIME:

1:15 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1948

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

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HD2 (HSCR870-06)

Increases the volume limit of deposit beverage containers from 64 to

68 fluid ounces. Requires distributors to report container numbers sold and make fee payments on that basis. Specifies redemption center operating hours. Permits calculation of redemption value by container count in certain instances. Allows refusal of refund for previously

processed and baled containers. (HB1948 HD2)

HB 2175

HD2

(HSCR943-06)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Provides a framework for energy self-sufficiency, focusing on energy

efficiency and renewable energy resource deployment in state facilities, vehicles, and equipment; in the public schools; through the renewable energy technologies income tax credit; by means of priority permitting for renewable energy projects at the county level; and

through the establishment of a solar water heating pay as you save

program. (HB2175 HD2)

HB 2619

(HSCR803-06)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Ensures that electric utility companies are afforded an opportunity to

earn a fair rate of return, rather than providing that their profit margins will not decrease as a result of any proposed utility rate-making

structure.

HB 3222

HD2

(HSCR917-06)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

(1) Establishes the Hawaii renewable hydrogen program to manage the

State's transition to a renewable hydrogen economy; (2) establishes the hydrogen investment capital special fund to seed private and federal projects for the deployment of hydrogen systems; and (3) appropriates

funds for the program and special fund. (HB3222 HD2)



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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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