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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2006  
TIME: 2:45 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The Committee previously held public hearings on Senate bill(s) that are substantially similar to the following House bill(s). Please focus your testimony on the differences, if any, between the House and Senate measure(s) listed.

**LBR/HMS JOINT HEARING**

HB 2558 HD1 (HSCR874-06)	RELATING TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. Adds an employee who has otherwise been deemed unable to return to the employee's position to those whom the director of labor and industrial relations may refer to the department of human services or private vocational rehabilitation services. (HB2558 HD1) (Similar to SB 2643)	LBR/HMS, WAM
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**LBR HEARING ONLY**

HB 3254 HD1 (HSCR667-06)	RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE. Repeals various provisions that require public employees to take a loyalty oath. (HB3254 HD1) (Similar to SB 2537)	LBR, JHW
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HB 1867 HD1 (HSCR860-06)	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Ensures that uninterrupted medical care is provided to an injured employee, even if the injured employee's employer denies further treatment, until the director of labor and industrial relations renders a final decision on the matter. (HB1867 HD1) (Companion bill SB 3031)	LBR, WAM
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HB 2698 HD1 (HSCR912-06)	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Requires the director of labor and industrial relations to establish standardized forms for health care providers to use when reporting on and billing for injuries compensable under the State's workers' compensation law. (HB2698 HD1) (Similar to SB 3090)	LBR, WAM
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HB 2691 (HSCR811-06)	RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGES. Allows a joint labor-management committee established pursuant to the federal Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978 to institute an action for injunctive and other relief against an employer that fails to pay its employees the prevailing wage. (Similar to SB 3016)	LBR, JHW
HB 2947 HD2 (HSCR745-06)	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. Appropriates \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2006-07 in Reed Act funds for a computer system benefiting county workforce development activities, the Oahu workforce investment board, and county workforce investment boards for employer outreach and services, labor force pool expansion and capacity building. (HB2947 HD2) (Similar to SB 3022)	LBR, WAM
HB 3018 HD1 (HSCR831-06)	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. Provides that, in cases where public employees are convicted, pleads guilty or no contest to, even if the plea is deferred, to having embezzled, stolen or otherwise unlawfully taken, received, or retained, or failed properly to account for, any property or funds belonging to the State or any county or any department, bureau, board, or other agency, public employees be fined four times the amount taken. (HB3018 HD1)	LBR, JHW
HB 2950 (HSCR692-06)	RELATING TO VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION TRUSTS. Clarifies the purpose section in the law relating to employee's beneficiary association trusts. (Similar to SB 2640)	LBR, WAM
HB 2309 (HSCR698-06)	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. Permits the EUTF to require individuals who become eligible for Medicare Part B reimbursements on or after 7/01-06 to accept direct deposit of the reimbursements to an institution of their choice. (Companion bill SB 2272)	LBR, WAM
HB 3089 HD1 (HSCR911-06)	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' TRUST FUND. Establishes a Public Employees' Trust Fund and a board of trustees for the fund to offset costs incurred by the State to fund public employee health benefit costs. Makes an appropriation to the fund. Prohibits the tapping of moneys until the fund's principal reaches \$1,000,000,000. (HB3089 HD1)	LBR, WAM
HB 2311 HD1 (HSCR901-06)	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Excludes from membership in the hybrid plan members of the employees' retirement system who received in-service refunds of pension contributions made under section 414(h)(2) of the IRC. Repeals the provision for hardship withdrawal of employees' retirement system contributions. (HB2311 HD1) (Companion bill SB 2274)	LBR, WAM



HB 2678  
HD2  
(HSCR877-06)

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.  
Nullifies the effective date of retirement requirement for ordinary disability retirement under rules of the employees' retirement system, and establishes that if an ordinary disability retirement applicant continues to work at the applicant's regular job may terminate service at any time following approval of ordinary retirement disability. (HB2678 HD2)  
(Similar to SB 3012)

LBR, WAM

**Decision Making to follow, if time permits.**

Persons wishing to testify should submit 40 copies of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 202, State Capitol, 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony may also be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to whom the testimony is being submitted, the date and time of the hearing, and the required number of copies needed for submittal.

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