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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Tuesday February 7, 2006

TIME:

1:15 P.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

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SB 2965

RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF

2005.

Clarifies section 3, item K.6. of the General Appropriations Act of 2005, to change the source of funding for economic planning and research from special funds to interdepartmental transfers.

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SB 2964

RELATING TO THE CONVENTION CENTER ENTERPRISE

SPECIAL FUND.

Repeals the \$31,000,000 cap on revenues from the transient

accommodations fund deposited into the convention center enterprise

special fund.

SB 2966

RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

Increases the \$31,000,000 cap on the 17.3% in transient

accommodations tax (TAT) collections that are designated to the

Hawaii Convention Center to \$35,000,000.

SB 2974

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

Repeals the sunset of part I of Act 58, SLH 2004, to make permanent HTA's authority to hire an attorney for specialized services, supervise its own accounts, appoint a sports coordinator, and expend 5% of

special fund moneys for administration.

SB 2975

RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

Exempts the operator of the Hawaii Convention Center from the general excise tax for amounts received for reimbursement of costs or advances made under contract with the Hawaii tourism authority.

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SB 3114

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMUNITY WORK TSM, WAM DAY PROGRAM.

Makes an appropriation from the tourism special fund for the community work day program.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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