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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2006
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 2542 (SSCR2064)	RELATING TO COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Makes an appropriation for DBEDT's Hawaii community-based economic development technical and financial assistance program.	BED, WAM
SB 2709 (SSCR2171)	RELATING TO STATE PLANNING. Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to establish, maintain, and post on the Internet a list of projected state and county construction projects. Makes appropriation.	BED/IGA, WAM
SB 2985 SD1 (SSCR2390)	RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES. Establishes that agricultural businesses shall remain eligible for tax incentives under the EZ program in the event of force majeure. Allows agricultural businesses to meet annual gross revenue requirements if the businesses are unable to meet annual full-time employee requirements. Clarifies the definition of "full-time employees." Specifies that tax credits taken in the EZ program cannot be duplicated in other tax incentive programs. (SD1)	BED/WLA, WAM
SB 2093 SD1 (SSCR2452)	RELATING TO TAXATION. Eliminates the premium tax on health insurers, except on health care services furnished through the QUEST medical assistance program. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 2143 SD1 (SSCR2450)	RELATING TO MONEY TRANSMITTERS. Regulates money transmitters. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 2239 SD1 (SSCR2451)	RELATING TO THE WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 BOARD. Gives the Board discretion as to the allocation of reimbursements from the wireless enhanced 911 fund between the Public Safety Answering Points and wireless carriers. (SD1)	CPH, WAM



SB 2248 SD1 (SSCR2488)	RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES. Requires professional solicitors to disclose to contributors whether a donation will be tax deductible and solicitors' full legal name, address and phone number. Adopts clarifying amendments to the definition of "solicit." Allows the attorney general to suspend or revoke any registration where the registrant has failed to file, or filed an incomplete financial report as required. (SD1)	CPH/JHW, WAM
SB 2279 SD1 (SSCR2374)	RELATING TO MORTGAGE BROKERS. Replaces existing provisions regulating mortgage brokers & solicitors with provisions that provides for more specialized regulation of residential mortgage brokers by the division of financial institutions rather than the professional & vocational licensing division. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 2571 (SSCR2531)	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS. Proposes constitutional amendment to authorize the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist not-for-profit private organizations in the development of low and moderate income housing.	CPH/JHW, WAM
SB 2572 SD1 (SSCR2486)	RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS. Assists not-for-profit private organizations in the development of low and moderate income housing by authorizing the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds for their benefit. Contingent upon ratification of constitutional amendment authorizing the same. Eff. 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 2773 SD2 (SSCR2474)	RELATING TO HOUSING. For displaced pineapple workers at Kunia, Oahu, establishes a program for low-interest loans and grants; establishes a rental assistance program for rental of safe, decent, and sanitary units in the private market; and provides supportive services to prepare displaced workers for homeownership. (SD2)	CPH, WAM
SB 2229 SD1 (SSCR2197)	RELATING TO TEACHERS' HOUSING. Authorizes second mortgage loans for downpayment and closing costs of teachers employed and assigned by the department of education. (SD1)	EDM/CPH, WAM
SB 2305 SD1 (SSCR2303)	RELATING TO VETERANS' SERVICES. Increases representation on the policy advisory board, and places the board within the Office of the Veterans' Services in the Department of Defense. (SD1)	EDM, WAM



SB 2587 (SSCR2116)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Authorizes special purpose revenue bonds for Kawaihāo school.	EDM, WAM
SB 2648 SD1 (SSCR2078)	RELATING TO VETERANS. Appropriates funds to department of defense for a veterans' newsletters to inform returning veterans of benefit changes and the availability of supportive services and programs. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2652 SD1 (SSCR2342)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Confers the same rights and benefits of civil service employees in the department of education to civil service employees of the new conversion charter schools. (SD1)	EDM/LBR, WAM
SB 2704 SD1 (SSCR2118)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Repeals the school-level minor repairs and maintenance accounts and the annual report of expenditures from the accounts. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2719 SD1 (SSCR2443)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Omnibus public charter schools recodification. Creates a new chapter on charter school governance. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2720 SD1 (SSCR2369)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Repeals transfer of functions from DHS and the AG's office to DOE. Delays transfer of functions from DBF to DOE and transfer of school health aides and public health nurses from DOH to Doe for one year. (SD1)	EDM/TGO, WAM
SB 2732 SD1 (SSCR2079)	RELATING TO THE BLIND PERSONS' AND LITERACY RIGHTS AND EDUCATION ACT. Assures individualized education programs for blind or visually impaired children including provisions for instruction in braille. Establishes standards of proficiency and instruction. Provides materials in a computer-accessible format capable of braille reproduction. Requires certification and re-certification of teachers in accordance with braille literacy standards. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2738 (SSCR2119)	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO SUPPLEMENT ANY SHORTFALL TO ACQUIRE LAND TO EXPAND KAHUKU HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to supplement any shortfall to acquire land to expand Kahuku high and intermediate school.	EDM, WAM
SB 2821 (SSCR2305)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR LIBRARIAN POSITIONS AT WAIALUA LIBRARY AND KAHUKU PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY. Appropriates funds for two full-time librarian III positions at Waiālua library and Kahuku public school library for fiscal year 2006-2007.	EDM, WAM



SB 2836 SD1 (SSCR2484)	RELATING TO THE STATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND. Increases the amount of money deposited into the state educational facilities improvement special fund. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2838 SD1 (SSCR2370)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL ALIENATION PROGRAM. Appropriates funds for the comprehensive school alienation program. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2884 SD1 (SSCR2496)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates \$300,000 for training and activities for the school community councils. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2886 SD1 (SSCR2081)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Directs the department of education to establish a program to award high school diplomas to armed services veterans drafted during World War II, Korean conflict, and Vietnam War, as well as to those whose schooling was interrupted due to wartime practices. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2956 SD1 (SSCR2343)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Creates new school construction special fund; makes appropriations for DOE operations, repair, and maintenance; allows DOE to use certificates of participation to finance the construction of new schools; requires new schools to meet energy-efficient standards. (SD1)	EDM/HRE, WAM
SB 2980 SD1 (SSCR2344)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to increase the number of public high schools participating in the Construction Academy training program, which allows high school students to take classes in various construction trades and earn credit towards an associate degree at an affiliated community college; makes appropriations to campuses. (SD1)	EDM/HRE, WAM
SB 3054 SD1 (SSCR2257)	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Provides seed money to establish the charter schools facilities fund partnership. Encourages the State to enter into leases charter schools at rates comparable to other State agencies. (SD1)	EDM/WLA, WAM
SB 3093 SD1 (SSCR2306)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the department of education for information technology staff and infrastructure. (SD1)	EDM/MAT, WAM



SB 3102 SD1 (SSCR2393)	RELATING TO STUDENTS. Requires the reduction of the student to teacher ratio for elementary, middle, and high school grades. Appropriates funds for initiatives and for staff needed to support the reduction. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 3136 SD1 (SSCR2121)	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL. Authorizes the issuance of up to \$15,000,000 in special purpose revenue bonds for Saint Louis School to finance or refinance the planning, acquisition, construction, or improvement of its educational facilities. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 3196 (SSCR2498)	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES. Requires the department of education to divide its school facility capital improvement project priority list into two lists – one for schools 25 years and older, and one for schools under 25 years.	EDM, WAM
SB 3197 SD1 (SSCR2445)	RELATING TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS. Establishes that the compensation of substitute teachers shall be tied to the salary or wage increases provided to licensed class II teachers of the department of education. (SD1)	EDM, WAM
SB 2125 SD1 (SSCR2505)	RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. Provides a tax credit for the purchase of "Energy Star" designated and labeled products. (SD1)	EIA, WAM
SB 3105 SD1 (SSCR2499)	RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM. Extends reverse vending machine rebate program to persons who are not dealers or recyclers. Extends time for new rebate. Extends sunset date of Act 228, SLH 2005 to June 30, 2010. (SD1)	EIA/CPH, WAM
SB 3162 SD1 (SSCR2462)	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Requires the public utilities commission to establish a renewable energy credits trading program. Requires DBEDT to review the feasibility of the State becoming a member of the Chicago climate exchange. Establishes an advisory committee to assist the PUC and DBEDT to establish a renewable energy credits trading program. (SD1)	EIA/CPH, WAM
SB 3181 SD1 (SSCR2461)	RELATING TO SOLID WASTE. Amends the definition of deposit beverage container to allow the redemption of sixty-eight fluid ounces) bottles. (SD1)	EIA/CPH, WAM
SB 3182 SD1 (SSCR2463)	RELATING TO GASOLINE. Requires a phased reduction of methyl tertiary-butyl ether in gasoline sold or imported in the State with levels no greater than .15 volume per cent by January 1, 2009; eff. on approval. (SD1)	EIA/CPH, WAM



<p>SB 3192 SD1 (SSCR2538)</p>	<p>RELATING TO SISTER STATE AND PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS. Statutorily establishes a Hawaii sister state committee to recommend sister state or province relationships for the legislature's action. (SD1)</p>	<p>EIA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3118 SD1 (SSCR2348)</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Authorizes the research and training special fund to be used for the repair and replacement of research related equipment and facilities. Discontinues fund transfers into the discoveries and inventions revolving fund and the housing assistance revolving fund. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3120 SD1 (SSCR2347)</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Increases the amount of general fund appropriations previously appropriated for the B Plus scholarship program. Deposits the appropriations into the student scholarship and assistance special fund. Changes the income guidelines. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3121 SD1 (SSCR2346)</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes a Hawaii state scholars program at the University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds for the program. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2036 (SSCR2097)</p>	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR. Appropriates funds to create an international business and technology incubator program in Hawaii.</p>	<p>MAT/BED, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2222 SD1 (SSCR2424)</p>	<p>RELATING TO STREAMLINED SALES AND USE TAX. Adopts amendments to Hawaii's tax law that will allow Hawaii to participate in the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. (SD1)</p>	<p>MAT, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2382 SD1 (SSCR2519)</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Specifies that a vendor will only be paid when measurable increases in revenues resulting from the initiatives are collected by the State. Creates an ITIMS special fund to hold the proceeds from the initiatives, to be used in part to enhance the DOTAX computer system, the integrated tax information management system (ITIMS). (SD1)</p>	<p>MAT, WAM</p>



SB 2570 SD1 (SSCR2023)	RELATING TO DIGITAL MEDIA. Temporarily replaces the motion picture and film production tax credit with the motion picture, digital media, and film production tax credit which provides an income tax credit amounting to 15% of qualified production costs incurred, in any county of Hawaii with a population over 700,000, and 20% in any county of Hawaii with a population under 700,000; establishes criteria to qualify for the tax credit; caps credit at \$8,000,000 per production. (SD1)	MAT, WAM
SB 2651 (SSCR2044)	WAIPAHAU CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL. Appropriates funds for the construction of a Waipahu centennial memorial.	MAT, WAM
SB 2806 SD1 (SSCR2527)	RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS ON THE INTERNET. Appropriates funds for video archived and indexed audio streams of legislative proceedings over the Internet. (SD1)	MAT, WAM
SB 2813 (SSCR2158)	RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII ENDOWMENT FUND. Appropriates matching funds to the State of Hawaii endowment fund.	MAT, WAM
SB 2818 (SSCR2169)	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A REGIONAL BIO-CONTAINMENT LABORATORY FACILITY. Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and making an appropriation for the plans, design, construction, and equipment of a level III biotechnology laboratory facility for the University of Hawaii.	MAT, WAM
SB 3111 (SSCR2100)	ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY T. MINK. Establishes a commission to recognize and honor Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink. Appropriates funds.	MAT, WAM
SB 2965 SD1 (SSCR2068)	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 for fiscal year 2006-2007. (SD1)	TSM/BED, WAM
SB 2974 (SSCR2070)	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.	TSM, WAM
SB 3114 SD1 (SSCR2072)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMUNITY WORK DAY PROGRAM. Makes an appropriation from the Hawaii tourism authority and the deposit beverage container deposit special fund for the community work day program. (SD1)	TSM, WAM

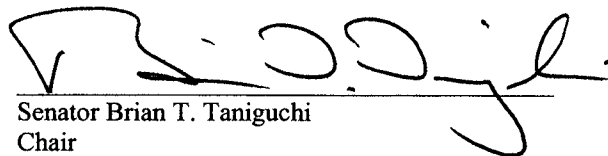


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