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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2006  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

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| SB 2958<br>SD1<br>(SSCR2295) | RELATING TO HOUSING.<br>Appropriates funds for homeless and transitional housing programs. Appropriates funds to repair vacant public housing units. Adjusts allocation of conveyance tax revenues. Allows state-owned parcels to be leased for the development of self-help housing. Amends the state low-income housing tax credit to be used for construction and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units. (SD1)   | CPH, WAM     |
| SB 2180<br>SD1<br>(SSCR2466) | RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.<br>Requires public housing set asides for grandparents raising grandchildren; makes appropriations for repair and maintenance of public housing, improvements to infrastructure for new and existing transitional housing, support services provided by homeless shelters, shelter care plus program, housing placement program, habitat for humanity, and rental housing trust fund. Authorizes bond issuance for affordable housing. Allows public assistance recipients to receive rental income supplements. Increases rental income supplements. Increases membership on boards of HCDCH and HHFDA to include homeless advocate and low income advocate. (SD1) | HMS/CPH, WAM |
| SB 2957<br>SD1<br>(SSCR2500) | RELATING TO ENERGY.<br>Increases renewable energy tax credit for photovoltaic systems and removes the credits' 2008 sunset date; authorizes bond issuances to install photovoltaic systems at public schools statewide and enable state facilities to meet greenhouse gas and energy consumption reduction goals; requires incorporation of leadership in energy in environmental design silver standards for certain state-funded facilities; establishes the pay as you save pilot project to help finance residential solar hot water systems. (SD1)   | EIA/CPH, WAM |
| SB 2461<br>(SSCR2467)        | RELATING TO GRANTS.<br>Makes grants to various entities for transportation and housing on the island of Maui.   | HMS/CPH, WAM |



<p>SB 3275 SD1 (SSCR2483)</p>	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENTS FOR UNINSURED STUDENTS. Establishes an "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance abuse assessments for uninsured students who are found to be in violation of the department of education's zero tolerance policy relating to alcohol and other drugs. Makes appropriation. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDM/HTH, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2617 SD1 (SSCR2541)</p>	<p>RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES. Appropriates or authorizes moneys for various services to be funded out of temporary assistance for needy families program funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 301 SD1 (SSCR2270)</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Appropriates funds for an investigator, legal assistant, and attorney mediation coordinator positions for fiscal year 2006-2007. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBR/JHW, WAM</p>
<p>SB 916 (SSCR490)</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. Allows trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs, who were in service on 07/01/02, with no fewer than 5 years of employees' retirement system membership service and who elected to become an employees' retirement system member prior to 10/01/02, to purchase their service credit pursuant to section 88-59(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes.</p>	<p>LBR/JHW, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2209 (SSCR2376)</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS. Requires DLIR to enforce the laws of chapter 104 and the collection and maintenance of the certified copies of all payrolls.</p>	<p>LBR/TGO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2272 (SSCR2279)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>LBR, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2273 SD1 (SSCR2418)</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Adds a definition of "child or children" to conform to administrative interpretation and includes in the definition: children living with an ERS member in a regular parent-child relationship for whom the member is the guardian or has legal and physical custody pursuant to a valid court order. Allows former contributory plan members and returning nonvested contributory plan members whose ERS accumulated contribution balances are \$1,000 or more to leave their contributions in the system until they reach age 62. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBR, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2274 (SSCR2280)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>LBR, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2546 (SSCR2377)</p>	<p>RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes a task force to study the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii construction authority.</p>	<p>LBR/BED/TGO, WAM</p>



SB 2616 (SSCR2272)	RELATING TO MEAL BREAKS. Requires the provision of rest or meal break periods of at least thirty consecutive minutes for employees who work five or more continuous hours. Clarifies that the employer not be required to compensate the employee for the break. Excludes employers who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement that contains an express provision for employee meal breaks, a common carrier of passengers or a power generating utility, or the operator of a continuously operating facility regulated by an environmental permit.	LBR, WAM
SB 2640 (SSCR2273)	RELATING TO VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION TRUSTS. Clarifies that VEBA trusts can be established by an employee organization for all state and county employees represented by that employee organization.	LBR, WAM
SB 2643 (SSCR2282)	RELATING TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. Allows the director to refer employees who have been deemed unable to return to work in their regular jobs as a result of work injury to receive vocational rehabilitation services.	LBR, WAM
SB 3009 SD1 (SSCR2275)	RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPT EMPLOYEES. Changes the status of statutorily exempt positions to conform with the annual review of these positions under Act 253, SLH 2000. (SD1)	LBR, WAM
SB 3011 (SSCR2284)	RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE LAW. Requires public employees with satisfactory performance in public service to be considered first in filling vacancies.	LBR, WAM
SB 3022 (SSCR2469)	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW. Removes the requirement that funds appropriated to the county of Hawaii workforce investment board be expended for the eradication of coqui frogs and other invasive species. Removes the timeline requirement for the release of funds under Act 249, SLH 2005.	LBR/IGA, WAM
SB 3031 SD1 (SSCR2289)	RELATING TO UNINTERRUPTED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR WORK-RELATED INJURIES. Ensures that uninterrupted medical care is provided to an injured worker, even if the employer denies further treatment, until the director of labor and industrial relations renders a final decision on the matter. (SD1)	LBR, WAM
SB 3034 SD1 (SSCR2394)	RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGES. Requires indirect public works project to comply with the law relating to prevailing wages in public works projects. Defines indirect public works project. (SD1)	LBR/TGO, WAM
SB 3035 (SSCR2276)	RELATING TO CONTINUED TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS TO INJURED EMPLOYEES. Prevents the termination of temporary total disability benefits until the director of labor decides to terminate them.	LBR, WAM



SB 3090 SD1 (SSCR2378)	RELATING TO STANDARDIZED FORMS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. Requires the director of labor and industrial relations, with input from interested stakeholders in the workers' compensation system, to establish standardized forms for medical service providers to use when reporting on and billing for injuries compensable under the State's workers' compensation law. (SD1)	LBR, WAM
SB 2156 SD1 (SSCR2143)	RELATING TO THE AUDITOR. Provides explicit authority to the auditor to inspect all accounts, books, records, files, papers, and documents and all financial affairs of the department of taxation. (SD1)	TGO, WAM
SB 2237 (SSCR2309)	RELATING TO STATE RISK MANAGEMENT. Authorizes the Comptroller to exercise discretion to deposit money received from the settlement of claims or losses of the State into an affected agency's account instead of the State risk Management Revolving Fund.	TGO, WAM
SB 2488 (SSCR2314)	RELATING TO INCOME TAX CREDITS. Provides a tax credit for purchase of a hybrid motor vehicle.	TGO, WAM
SB 2662 (SSCR2334)	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Provides temporary reprieve from lease and permit requirements for airport vendors who want to make improvements.	TGO, WAM
SB 2663 (SSCR2315)	RELATING TO HIGHWAYS. Clarifies that law on flexible highway design applies also to the koolau loa coastal highway from Kaaawa to Waimea on Oahu.	TGO, WAM
SB 2857 SD1 (SSCR2151)	RELATING TO EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR NATURAL DISASTERS. Authorizes the governor to order the release of up to ten per cent of moneys appropriated from interest earnings in the emergency and budget reserve fund for emergency assistance to residents and businesses sustaining damage from natural disasters. Also appropriates funds for emergency assistance. (SD1)	TGO, WAM
SB 2901 (SSCR2155)	RELATING TO HIGHWAY IMPACT FEES. Removes the restriction that allows only counties with a population of greater than 500,000 to impose highway impact fees.	TGO/IGA, WAM
SB 2897 SD1 (SSCR2153)	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Raises small purchases limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000; requires small purchases to be transacted over the Internet; requires selection of bidders from pre-qualified lists of vendors. (SD1)	TGO, WAM
SB 2899 SD1 (SSCR2154)	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Restores exemptions for SPRBs from procurement code. (SD1)	TGO, WAM
SB 2995 (SSCR2101)	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Exempts the natural energy laboratory of Hawaii from the procurement code.	TGO/MAT, WAM



SB 2996 (SSCR2102)	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Exempts the Hawaii strategic development corporation from the procurement code.	TGO/MAT, WAM
SB 2997 (SSCR2103)	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Restores procurement exemption for the high technology development corporation.	TGO/MAT, WAM
SB 2067 (SSCR2533)	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Appropriates \$1,000,000 for the loss mitigation grant program.	CPH, WAM
SB 2569 (SSCR2361)	RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT. Ratifies the Emergency Management Assistance Compact and allows Hawaii to become a member.	TGO, WAM
SB 2288 SD1 (SSCR2336)	RELATING TO MONEYS FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. Raises the ceiling on expenditures from the major disaster fund from \$1 million to \$2 million to provide for additional disaster relief; returns the interest earned on the hurricane reserve trust fund to the hurricane reserve trust fund when the Hawaii hurricane relief fund has policyholders; creates a civil defense disaster preparedness special fund to build or improve public shelters, improve early warning systems, conduct public education on disaster preparedness, promote loss mitigation efforts, provide around the clock alert staff, update evacuation maps in phone books, develop statewide residential safe room design standards, fund disaster or emergency response programs, establish and maintain emergency supplies. (SD1)	TGO/CPH, WAM
SB 3268 SD1 (SSCR2022)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS. Funds a study to conduct a structural analysis of each hospital and nursing home facility to determine their ability to withstand hurricanes. Makes appropriation. (SD1)	TGO/HTH, WAM
SB 2214 SD1 (SSCR2379)	RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. Establishes hurricane resistant building code for state buildings; requires developers to install siren warning devices in developments; provides wind resistant devices income tax credit; establishes rebuttal presumption in favor of undergrounding utilities in tsunami-prone areas; clarifies governor's duties in deploying national guard; allocates funds from FY06 to establish emergency cache; prohibits profiteering and price gouging; creates residential disaster assistance special fund; requires director of civil defense to develop a disaster preparedness emergency shelter plan that provides adequate emergency shelter for residents and visitors. (SD1)	TGO/EDM, WAM



SB 2955 SD1 (SSCR2388)	RELATING TO EMERGENCY SHELTERS. Requires health care facilities and nursing homes subject to licensing or certification by the DOH to file a disaster preparedness plan with the DOH; mandates the HCDCH to coordinate efforts with the counties to identify places for temporary emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund retrofit of public school buildings to enable them to be used as emergency shelters; appropriates funds to retrofit existing and construct new emergency shelters, operate shelters on a 24/7 basis, upgrade civil defense communication systems, conduct an education and awareness campaign; makes appropriations for emergency shelters. (SD1)	TGO/EDM, WAM
SB 2090 SD1 (SSCR2133)	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Establishes legislative oversight, review, and approval of the Hawaii community development authority's master planning functions and development of community development districts prior to the expenditure of public funds on development district infrastructure. Requires the authority to post public notice of its proceedings and its meeting minutes on the authority's website. (SD1)	WLA, WAM
SB 2235 (SSCR2192)	RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS. Increases from \$25, 000 to \$75, 000 the chairperson's authority to approve agricultural loans and aquacultural loans.	WLA, WAM
SB 2360 SD1 (SSCR2357)	RELATING TO GROUNDED VESSELS. Allows the State to take immediate action when a vessel is grounded on a coral reef or is in imminent danger of breaking up. (SD1)	WLA, WAM
SB 2476 SD1 (SSCR2504)	RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. Requires ADC, HCDA, HCDCH, HTDC, and UH to obtain legislative approval before disposing of state lands under their respective jurisdictions. (SD1)	WLA/HRE, WAM
SB 2478 (SSCR2356)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates \$1,000,000 for Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation to conduct agricultural research and market development.	WLA, WAM
SB 2480 (SSCR2139)	RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT. Appropriates funds for a feasibility study for a wastewater treatment facility for the Kapoho Vacationland Estates and Farmlots and public restrooms at the Wai O Pae Marine Life Conservation District.	WLA/EIA, WAM
SB 2482 SD1 (SSCR2353)	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND. Appropriates funds to create a master plan for a 150-acre parcel in Royal Kunia on the island of Oahu.	WLA, WAM
SB 2484 (SSCR2138)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR VOG MONITORING STATIONS. Appropriates funds out of the general revenues to install vog-monitoring stations at Mountain View and Pahala on the island of Hawaii.	WLA/EIA, WAM



SB 2485 SD1 (SSCR2493)	RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS. Allows the authorization of special purpose revenue bonds for certain agricultural business operating on important agricultural lands. (SD1)	WLA, WAM
SB 2493 (SSCR2184)	RELATING TO STATE PLANNING. Extends the deadline for the auditor to submit the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan for an additional year and extends the authority of the Hawaii 2050 task force to 6/30/08.	WLA/TGO, WAM
SB 2550 SD1 (SSCR2492)	RELATING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. Establishes the Kakaako central small business district. Requires the Hawaii community development authority to solicit input from the Kakaako central small business district community when adopting or amending a master plan for the area. Places a moratorium on infrastructure and street improvements in the Kakaako central small business district until 12/31/06. (SD1)	WLA/IGA, WAM
SB 2575 SD1 (SSCR2129)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF THE WAIANAE COAST OCEAN AREA. Appropriates funds for a baseline environmental study of the Waianae Coast ocean area in accordance with Act 6, Special Session Laws of Hawaii, 2005. (SD1)	WLA, WAM
SB 2753 (SSCR2123)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM. Appropriates funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system.	WLA, WAM
SB 2954 SD1 (SSCR2490)	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes an irrigation repair and maintenance special fund. Establishes a tax credit for matching funds provided by landowners who receive funding from the special fund. Appropriates money for the repair of irrigation systems statewide. (SD1)	WLA, WAM
SB 3037 (SSCR2134)	RELATING TO RELIEF OF MANOA FLOOD VICTIMS. Provides a one-time nonrefundable tax credit to victims of the Manoa flood of October 2004.	WLA, WAM
SB 3077 SD1 (SSCR2458)	RELATING TO CONSERVATION. Creates a legacy land conservation commission to assist DLNR and BLNR in administering the land conservation fund; establishes priorities for land and easement acquisitions with moneys in the fund. (SD1)	WLA, WAM
SB 3086 (SSCR2183)	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LEASES. Specifies that for reopenings of agricultural park leases, appraisals shall be based on highest and best use determined through an agricultural income capitalization approach considering the potential yield from the property.	WLA, WAM
SB 3098 SD1 (SSCR2185)	RELATING TO HARBORS. Removes Honolulu harbor piers 1 and 2 from Kakaako community development district and grants jurisdiction and administrative authority over piers 1 and 2 to department of transportation. (SD1)	WLA/TGO, WAM



SB 3138  
(SSCR2130)

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PREPARATION OF  
THE 2050 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.

WLA, WAM

Makes an appropriation for the auditor to prepare the 2050  
sustainability plan.

SB 3147  
SD1  
(SSCR2135)

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
WAIMEA VALLEY, OAHU.

WLA, WAM

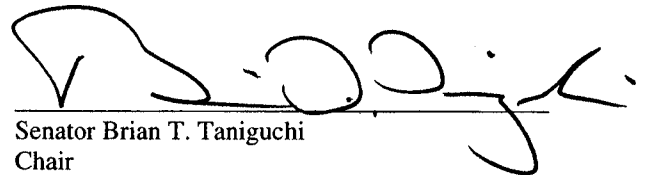
Makes an appropriation for the purchase of Waimea valley, Oahu.  
(SD1)

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**NO ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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Chair

