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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE:

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

TIME:

11:00 a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 211

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1021 HD2, SD1 (SSCR3143)

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

CPH, WAM

Increases PUC commissioners' salary. Authorizes PUC chairperson to appoint utility analysts and legal assistants exempt from chapter 76. Authorizes the PUC to suspend collection of public utility fees when

balance of PUC special fund exceeds \$3,000,000. (SD1)

HB 266 HD1, SD1 (SSCR1206) RELATING TO LABOR.

LBR, WAM

Removes the prohibition on agreement on provisions relating to the rights and obligations of a public employer to hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees in positions; suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against employees for proper cause; and relieve an employee from duties because of lack of work or other legitimate reason. Prohibits public employers from challenging provisions of collective bargaining agreements after negotiations have

been completed. (SD1)

HB 1723 HD2, SD1 (SSCR1224) RELATING TO CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.

MAT/BED, WAM

Authorizes \$120,000,000 in tax credits to the Hawaii strategic development corporation for the purposes of Act 215, SLH 2004. Enables tax credits issued by the corporation to be used to offset taxes incurred under the State's insurance code. Expands the corporation's

annual reporting requirements. (SD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi

Chair