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Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2007
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 12 SD1 (SSCR487)	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE RATE REGULATION. Prohibits health insurance rates that are excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory. Requires health care insurers to submit rate filings for approval by the insurance commissioner. Establishes penalties and appeal procedures. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 49 SD1 (SSCR395)	RELATING TO NATUROPATHY. Requires the board of examiners in naturopathy to adopt a formulary and qualifications for administering natural medicines by injection, and to grant the authority to qualified naturopaths. Amends the definition of naturopathy accordingly. Establishes a temporary advisory committee to recommend a formulary and qualifications. Eff. 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 53 (SSCR396)	RELATING TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. Includes marriage and family therapy among the mental illness and alcohol and drug dependence benefits required within the hospital and medical coverage offered under accident and sickness insurance policies and similar insurance products.	HTH, CPH
SB 667 SD1 (SSCR102)	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS. Amends the mental health counselor licensure application date to include counselors who have completed or are in the process of completing the requirements for licensure before July 1, 2007. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 1004 SD1 (SSCR531)	RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS. Authorizes prescriptive authority for qualified psychologists who practice at a federally qualified health center. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 1249 SD1 (SSCR335)	RELATING TO LIQUOR. Establishes a condominium hotel class of liquor license. (SD1)	TSG/IGM, CPH
SB 1350 SD1 (SSCR71)	RELATING TO HOUSING. Exempts certain lessees from the ten-year buyback and shared appreciation equity restrictions. (SD1)	WAH, CPH



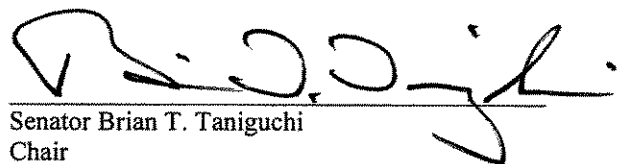
SB 1421 SD1 (SSCR488)	RELATING TO CHAPTER 460, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, OSTEOPATHY. Makes the application requirements for doctors of osteopathy consistent with those for doctors of medicine. Clarifies the osteopathic residency program, and allows the board to accept national osteopathic exams. Makes the requirements for a limited and temporary DO license consistent with that for a limited and temporary MD License. (SD1)	HTH, CPH
SB 1425 SD1 (SSCR213)	RELATING TO CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER. Ensures an adequate supply of licensed contractors available to perform necessary repairs and reconstruction work during a state of emergency or disaster. (SD1)	IGM, CPH
SB 1674 SD1 (SSCR532)	RELATING TO HEALTH. Permits a radiologist licensed to practice in another state to provide radiology services by telemedicine while in Hawaii to a patient who is located in the state that the radiologist is licensed to practice radiology. (SD1)	HTH, CPH

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED.
NO ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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 Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
 Chair