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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday February 1, 2007

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

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| HB 653 | RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.
Requires the preparation of a supplemental environmental impact statement where appropriate and directs the council to develop rules for supplemental statements. | EEP, WLH, JUD |
| HB 841 | RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.
Establishes a year limit for the validity of a final environmental impact statement. | EEP, WLH, JUD |
| HB 702 | RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.
Requires an environmental assessment for harbor improvements using public moneys; clarifies that traffic congestion is to be considered in an environmental impact statement process; requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement for the Hawaii superferry project; requires work to cease on Hawaii superferry until an environmental impact statement is accepted; makes appropriation to department of transportation to prepare an environmental impact statement. | EEP, TRN, FIN |
| HB 981 | RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.
Requires preparation of an environmental assessment for any new development of residentially zoned land whose acreage exceeds five acres, including subdivision requests of land with a slope of 20% or more. | EEP, WLH |
| HB 1176 | RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.
Requires an advance disposal fee for new motor vehicles. | EEP, EDB/TRN,
FIN |
| HB 704 | RELATING TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS.
Provides a 10-year moratorium on testing, propagating, cultivating, growing, and raising genetically engineered coffee and taro. | EEP, AGR, CPC |

HB 1577	RELATING TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED COFFEE. Temporarily prohibits the growing of genetically modified coffee. Allows research on genetically modified coffee in environmentally secure facilities.	EEP, AGR, CPC
HB 1048	RELATING TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS. Prohibits the growing of crops that produce pharmaceuticals. Prohibits laboratory work relating to biopharmaceutical crops.	EEP, AGR, CPC
HB 678	RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Requires the department of health to adopt reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance. Requires adoption of a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020. Requires the adoption of rules to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions. Authorizes the adoption of market-based compliance mechanisms.	EEP, EDB, FIN
HB 226	RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Adopts July 1997 DBEDT and DOH joint Inventory of Hawaii Greenhouse Gas Emissions Estimates for 1990. Requires DOH, with the assistance of DBEDT, to develop a comprehensive clean air plan with respect to greenhouse gas emissions exceeding US goals in the Kyoto protocol.	EEP, FIN
HB 639	RELATING TO SOLID WASTE. Requires distributors to report container numbers sold and make fee payments on that basis. Permits calculation of redemption value by container count in certain instances. Allows refusal of refund for previously processed and baled containers.	EEP, CPC, FIN
HB 642	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES. Requires electric utilities to obtain a certificate of public good from the public utilities commission for the construction of any electric transmission or generation facility, prior to beginning site preparation or exercising the right of eminent domain.	EEP, WLH, CPC

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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