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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: February 1, 2007
TIME: 8:31 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 531	RELATING TO CHILDREN. Amends early intervention services law to be consistent with the reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004.	HSH/HLT, EDN, FIN
HB 1244	RELATING TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. Provides the authority for the CSEA to impose an annual \$25.00 fee against an absent parent in those cases where no public assistance has been paid to the custodial parent and collection for the case exceeds \$500.00.	HSH, JUD, FIN
HB 1257	RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE. Amends the offenses of Murder in the First Degree, Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and Terroristic Threatening in the First Degree to include conduct committed against victims who the courts and police are attempting to keep safe with protective orders.	HSH, JUD, FIN

HB 1356	<p>RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD ALLOWANCE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH.</p> <p>Increases the time limit for application for a higher education board allowance form 1 year following high school graduation through the age of 21 years old, to provide former foster youth who are between the ages of 22 and 26 years on July 1, 2007 and already attending an institution of higher education the opportunity to apply for a higher education board allowance within a year. Increases the maximum age for the benefit from 21 years to 26 years with a maximum benefit length of 60 months.</p>	HSH, HED, FIN
HB 1314	<p>RELATING TO FINANCIAL ABUSE.</p> <p>Requires financial institutions and licensed escrow depositories to report suspected instances of financial abuse directed towards, targeting, or committed against an elder or a dependent adult to a local law enforcement agency.</p>	HSH, CPC, FIN
HB 1844	<p>RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION.</p> <p>Appropriates unspecified amount to acquire Kulana Nani apartments from Kamehameha Schools by eminent domain should negotiations be unsuccessful.</p>	HSH, FIN
HB 927	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.</p> <p>Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to annually assess tenant income to determine their continued eligibility for public housing.</p>	HSH, FIN
HB 1762	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.</p> <p>Allows the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to work with nonprofit organizations to repair and renovate public housing projects. Authorizes HPHA to collaborate with the Department of Public Safety to allow skilled prisoners perform repairs on public housing projects.</p>	HSH, FIN
HB 1536	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.</p> <p>Places a one year moratorium on the demotion of state public housing. Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to submit a report to the Legislature.</p>	HSH, FIN
HB 1906	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING.</p> <p>Transfers administration of section 8 rental housing program from the State to the counties.</p>	HSH, FIN
HB 486	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING.</p> <p>Makes housekeeping amendments to correct statutory references.</p>	HSH, FIN
HB 487	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING PROGRAMS.</p> <p>Makes technical amendments to a variety of state laws to implement recommendations of legislative reference bureau report to legislature pursuant to section 14 of Act 180, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006 concerning references that should be substituted in place of references to the housing and community development corporation that was repealed by Act 180.</p>	HSH, FIN

HB 1557	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Provides exemptions and waivers for condominiums developments of 50 units or more per acre of land.	HSH, WLH
HB 1892	RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires petitioners for reclassification of district boundaries and developers of 25 or more housing units provide for at least 60% of the units to be affordable housing.	HSH, WLH
HB 926	RELATING TO COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS. Establishes a definition of "community land trust" (CLT). Allows CLTs to qualify for Rental Housing Trust Fund moneys, grants, and other state subsidies and funds.	HSH, WLH, FIN
HB 1846	RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS. Specifies the rights and requirements of a homeowner to bring an action for construction defects, including applicable standards for home construction, the statute of limitations, the burden of proof, the damages recoverable, a detailed prelitigation procedure, and the obligations of the homeowner.	HSH, CPC, JUD
HB 1283	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Allows the HCDA to sell a fee simple interest in reserved housing units.	HSH, WLH, FIN
HB 1908	RELATING TO TAXATION. Authorizes a tax credit for residential renters within the boundaries of a county if the county agrees to pay the State for the tax loss and administrative cost.	HSH, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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