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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 26, 2007  
TIME: 1:45 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HTH/EDT

SB 139

RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAX.

Clarifies that the cigarette tax money earmarked to fund the cancer research center of Hawaii, emergency medical services, trauma care, and community health centers shall be calculated on a per cigarette basis.

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SB 12

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.

HTH, CPH

SB 53

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

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. Repeals the sunset date on mental health counselor licensure.

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| SB 49  | RELATING TO NATUROPATHY.<br>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. | HTH, CPH |
| SB 244 | RELATING TO HEALTH.<br>Requires department of health to adopt rules for beauty shops and health spas providing laser technology. Requires special license for laser technology application for an esthetician to use laser technology. Defines laser technology and health spa. Requires DOH to adopt rules for special license.                                    | HTH, CPH |
| SB 51  | RELATING TO HOME CARE.<br>Establishes home care agency licensing requirements. Appropriates moneys to create permanent positions at the department of health to license home care agencies.   | HTH, WAM |
| SB 69  | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.<br>Establishes a statewide comprehensive health care workforce map and database to compile and analyze data on the supply and distribution of all health care workers by specialty and practice location. Appropriates funds.  | HTH, WAM |
| SB 167 | RELATING TO LOANS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.<br>Establishes interest-free home purchase loan programs for physicians and advanced practice registered nurses to provide them with an incentive to work in hard-to-staff rural areas.   | HTH, WAM |

**Decision Making to follow, if time permits.**

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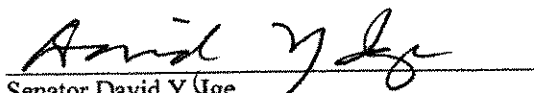
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