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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 9, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 1381	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL CARE. Allows employers the opportunity to provide their employees with an employer-designated healthcare provider list of attending physicians and/or physician networks. Injured employees would be allowed to "opt out" of the plan after 120 days and see physicians that are not on the list.	LAB, FIN
HB 1386	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL TREATMENT. Requires Medical providers to treat injured workers in accordance with clinically tested, evidence based treatment guidelines. Requires medical providers to utilize the Official Disabilities guidelines ("ODG") Treatment in Workers' Comp, 3rd edition.	LAB, FIN
HB 854	RELATING TO CONTINUED TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS TO INJURED EMPLOYEES. Prevents the termination of temporary total disability benefits until the director of labor and industrial relations decides to terminate them.	LAB, FIN
HB 855	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Ensures that uninterrupted medical care is provided to an injured employee, even if the injured employee's employer denies further treatment, until the director of labor and industrial relations renders a final decision on the matter.	LAB, FIN
HB 1380	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION STRESS CLAIMS. Disallows workers' compensation claims for mental illness or injury proximately caused by all personnel actions taken in good faith by the employer.	LAB, FIN

HB 866	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Requires occupational diseases to be considered work injuries that are compensable under workers' compensation law.	LAB, FIN
HB 856	RELATING TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. Adds an employee who has otherwise been deemed unable to return to the employee's position after the injury may have stabilized, where no offer for permanent alternative duty at equal compensation is made by the employer, to those whom the director of labor and industrial relations may refer to the department of human services or private vocational rehabilitation services. Effective 7/1/07.	LAB, FIN
HB 1015	RELATING TO WORKER'S RIGHTS. Permits director of labor to reopen worker's compensation case after settlement if settlement has been obtained by the exertion of undue influence over any party or as a result of the disability or mental incompetence of the employee. Requires private employers who provide pension plans to their employees to allow an employee who has vested to receive pension payments upon becoming disabled, regardless of age.	LAB, JUD
HB 1877	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Exempts from the workers' compensation law owners of businesses holding at least 50% interest in their company.	LAB, EDB
HB 867	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW. Allows negotiation between employers and public unions over workers' compensation coverage and benefits.	LAB, FIN
HB 970	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Requires workers' compensation insurers to provide reports to the insurance commissioner.	LAB, CPC
HB 1050	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. Requires the Hawaii employers' mutual insurance company to make liability insurance available to small contractors.	LAB, CPC
HB 1383	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Gives small business owners who meet certain exclusions the option not to obtain workers' compensation insurance	LAB, EDB
HB 1294	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. Provides an appropriate, cost-neutral adjustment of the base monthly contributions for retiree benefit plans, in the event the EUTF Board of Trustees adopts a revised rate structure for its retiree benefit plans.	LAB, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

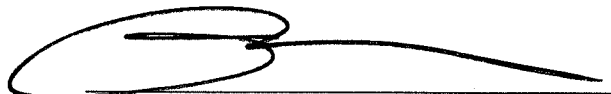
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