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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2007
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

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| HB 1365 | RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS. Clarifies that the Board of Trustees of both the State of Hawaii Deferred Compensation Plan and the State Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan for Part-time, Temporary, and Seasonal or Casual Employees may select and offer participants investment products that are commonly offered in the securities industry or other deferred compensation plans and are determined to be reasonable, prudent investment products. | LAB, FIN |
| HB 1366 | RELATING TO SEPARATION INCENTIVES. Clarifies that DHRD's authority for separation incentives is limited to the various departments and agencies of the state executive branch, excluding the DOE and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. | LAB, FIN |
| HB 1367 | RELATING TO SALARIES. Eliminates statutory relationships between the salaries of specific department heads and deputy department heads and certain civil service positions. | LAB, FIN |
| HB 1672 (HSCR82) | RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCIES. Increases salaries of deputies and first assistants of legislative service agencies from not more than 87% to 92% of the salary of each agency's director. | LMG, LAB, FIN |

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| HB 1396 | RELATING TO INTEREST ARBITRATION. Modifies the factors that the arbitration panel must consider in interest arbitration decisions to include: (1) the impact of pay increase to other bargaining units in determining the amount of pay increase; (2) compliance with constitutional and statutory appropriation and budgeting provisions; and (3) the comparison of wages, hours, and conditions of employment to that of other persons performing similar services in Hawaii. | LAB, FIN |
| HB 212 HD1 (HSCR22) | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Establishes a statewide comprehensive health care workforce map and database on supply, demand, and distribution, by specialty and practice location. (HB 212, HD1) | HLT, LAB, FIN |
| HB 223 HD1 (HSCR32) | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES. Earmarks General Excise Taxes generated from health care service providers to support Hawaii's trauma system, health care workforce development, statewide aeromedical evacuation programs, rural hospitals, medical malpractice subsidies for subspecialists, Medicaid reimbursement subsidies for health care providers, Keiki Care Program, and support services for people without health insurance. (HB223 HD1) | HLT/HSR, LAB, FIN |
| HB 16 HD1 (HSCR47) | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Repeals the school health services program within the Department of Health. Repeals the transfer of public health nurses from the Department of Health to the Department of Education. Establishes a school health services program within the Department of Education. (HB16 HD1) | EDN/HLT, LAB, FIN |
| HB 18 (HSCR71) | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Authorizes the teacher standards board to suspend its policies, rules, and standards when extenuating circumstances require. | EDN, LAB, JUD |
| HB 24 (HSCR45) | RELATING TO TEACHERS. Provides greater incentives for National Board Certified teachers to work at schools in restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act, by giving them an additional \$5,000 bonus per year. Appropriates funds. | EDN, LAB, FIN |
| HB 26 (HSCR46) | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes salaries for the members of the board of education. Appropriates funds. | EDN, LAB, FIN |
| HB 106 | RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW. Establishes a self-employment assistance program to assist eligible unemployed individuals in starting their own businesses as an alternative to receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits. | LAB, FIN |
| HB 520 | RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. Redefines "adequate reserve fund" for purposes of unemployment insurance law. | LAB, FIN |

HB 1379 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW. LAB, FIN
The purpose of this bill is to provide the same type of unemployment insurance (UI) coverage in state law as in federal law for the exclusion of certain alien agricultural workers and to conform coverage of Indian tribe workers under state law to federal law.

HB 1385 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW. LAB, FIN
Lowers the maximum taxable wage base from \$35,300 to the national average of \$13,000 for calendar years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. Amends the definition of "Adequate reserve fund" by reducing from 18 months times the benefit cost rate that is the highest during the ten-year period to 12 months.

HB 1500 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. LAB, FIN
Raises the maximum weekly unemployment benefit to 75% of the average weekly wage. Changes employer's contribution rates for the fiscal year 2007-2008 to 65% of amount in effect on 06/30/07, and thereafter to 75% of the amount in effect on 06/30/07.

HB 1502 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. LAB, FIN
Provides temporary tax relief to employers by lowering the maximum taxable wage base for calendar years 2008 and 2009. Increases unemployment benefits for eligible individuals. Excludes the payment of benefits to individuals terminated from employment for wilful or wanton misconduct.

HB 988's language has been significantly changed in the Proposed House draft 1. Copies will be available outside room 323 for the public to provide testimony for the Proposed HB988 HD1.

HB 988 RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. LAB, FIN

HB 1279 RELATING TO THE INNOVATION ECONOMY. EDB/HED, LAB,
HD1 FIN
(HSCR282) Establishes the Hawaii Innovation Investment Fund, a professionally managed fund of funds, and allows the ERS to invest moderate amounts in Hawaii venture capital. Supports the operations and programs of a State operated technology incubator and innovation center in Kakaako. Establishes a local incubator facility for digital media infrastructure for film and TV productions and interactive game development. Establishes a music industry program at Honolulu Community College (MELE). Provides funds which allows the UH Office of Technology Transfer and Economic Development to enter into a partnership with a private sector entity. (HB1279 HD1)

HB 32 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. EDB/INT, LAB,
HD1 FIN
(HSCR128) Prohibits the state from contracting with or providing development assistance to companies that contract work outside of the United States unless the work is not available locally or domestically. (HB32 HD1)

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| <p>HB 33 HD1 (HSCR172)</p> | <p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII LIVING WAGE LAW. Requires private firms contracted by state government to pay covered workers a Hawaii living wage of at least \$9.43 an hour, to begin on 7/1/07 and adjusted thereafter. Requires DLIR to implement living wage. Establishes temporary living wage advisory committee to evaluate law. Repealed 7/1/2011. (HB33 HD1)</p> | <p>EDB, LAB, FIN</p> |
| <p>HB 758</p> | <p>RELATING TO EMPLOYEES. Requires employers to allow rest or meal periods for employees that work more than five consecutive hours. Clarify the term "other wages" by excluding the reasonable cost of board, lodging, or other facilities. Repeals the exclusion of persons whose employment is governed by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act from the definition of "employee" under the State's wage and hour law.</p> | <p>LAB, FIN</p> |
| <p>HB 937</p> | <p>RELATING TO ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING TRADES. Specifies educational requirements for the electrician and plumber trades.</p> | <p>LAB, CPC</p> |
| <p>HB 1750</p> | <p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Removes the requirement that applicants for state or county public employment must be a resident of Hawaii at the time of application. Allows the director of a jurisdiction to waive the "residency during employment" requirements for positions within that jurisdiction.</p> | <p>LAB, JUD</p> |

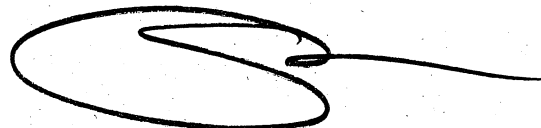
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