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COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Thursday, February 1, 2007

TIME:

1.15 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

SB678

RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX

TSG, EDT, WAM

Exempts from the general excise tax amounts received by the operator

of the Hawaii convention center for reimbursement of costs or advances made pursuant to contract with the Hawaii tourism authority.

SB750

RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

TSG, EDT, WAM

Requires the department of taxation to review the forms and process for collecting the transient accommodations tax from vacation rentals and bed and breakfast establishments and report revenues received from them. Requires department of taxation to work with Hawaii tourism authority and counties to identify owners operating vacation rentals and bed and breakfast establishments and enforce transient

accommodations tax compliance.

SB1091

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR

TSG, WAM

Authorizes the establishment of an investigative unit within the office of the auditor to conduct investigations involving alleged or suspected government waste, fraud, abuse, or malfeasance at the request of the legislature or upon the auditor's initiative; expands the powers of the office of the auditor; appropriates funds for the investigative unit.

SB868

RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Prohibits ex-officio members of boards and commissions from

appointment as chair of the board or commission.

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(pending re-referral)

SB749

RELATING TO LABOR

TSG, JDL

Establishes labor representation procedures in developments in which

the State or Counties have an ongoing proprietary interest.

SB779

RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL

TSG, WAM

Creates positions to enable the state fire council to more effectively

meet its responsibilities.

SB695

RELATING TO HUNTING

TSG, WAH

Provides for a fee of \$50 for a 3-day hunting license on a private or

commercial shooting preserve with a licensed guide.

RELATING TO DESTINATION CLUBS

TSG, CPH

Requires destination clubs to register with the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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