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SB 1106 (SSCR480)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. Appropriates moneys for the Hawaii state commission on the status of women for programming, travel, and office expenses.	JDL, WAM
SB 1281 (SSCR201)	RELATING TO STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES EXCLUDED FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS. Appropriates funds for salary increases and makes other cost adjustments for state officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining.	JDL, WAM
SB 1284 SD1 (SSCR479)	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Authorizes the board of trustees of the employees' retirement system to set the salary scale assumptions based on recommendations from the actuary. Increase the employers' contributions to the employees' retirement system; bans benefit enhancements until the employees' retirement system becomes fully funded; and repeals the provision that allows the employer contribution rate to be reduced if the period required to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability falls below twenty-five years.	JDL, WAM
SB 1380 (SSCR476)	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.	JDL, WAM
SB 1381 (SSCR202)	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS. Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 1 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009.	JDL, WAM
SB 1382 (SSCR203)	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS. Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 2 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009.	JDL, WAM
SB 1383 (SSCR204)	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS. Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 3 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009	JDL, WAM

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SB 1384 (SSCR205) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

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Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 4 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009.

SB 1385 (SSCR206) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 5 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009.

SB 1386 (SSCR207) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING JDL, WAM COST ITEMS.

Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 6 and their excluded co9unterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009.

SB 1387 (SSCR208) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

JDL, WAM

Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 8 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009.

SB 1388 (SSCR209) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING JDL, WAM COST ITEMS.

Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 9 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009.

SB 1389 (SSCR210) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING J COST ITEMS.

JDL, WAM

Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 10 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for the fiscal biennium 2007-2009.

SB 1390 (SSCR211) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

JDL, WAM

Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 11 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2007-2009.

SB 1391 (SSCR212)	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS. Provides fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for Unit 13 and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium.	JDL, WAM
SB 1518 (SSCR342)	RELATING TO FAMILY COURT. Increases fees for court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem in family court cases. Requires the judiciary to provide the department of budget and finance with fees-related information, so that the department can approve the necessary vouchers. Appropriates funds.	JDL, WAM
SB 1526 SD1 (SSCR340)	RELATING TO JUDICIARY. Repeals the authority of the judicial salary commission to determine judiciary administrators' salaries. Establishes salaries for administrative director of the courts and deputy.	JDL, WAM
SB 1833 (SSCR481)	RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE. Allows an employee to elect to use accrued paid leave, including vacation, personal, or family leave, for any part of the four-week period of family leave provided under the law.	JDL, WAM
SB 1928 SD1 (SSCR514)	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR. Authorizes the establishment of an investigative unit within the office of the auditor to conduct investigations involving alleged or suspected government waste, fraud, abuse, nonfeasance, 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.	JDL, WAM
SB 1950 SD1 (SSCR482)	RELATING TO THE RE-EMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES. Authorizes the rehiring of retired state or county employees in critical-to-fill or labor shortage positions without affecting the receipt of retirement benefits and without accruing additional credit or benefits.	JDL, WAM
SB 823 SD1 (SSCR348)	RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to build infrastructure for low- and moderate-income housing projects. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 990 SD1 (SSCR347)	RELATING TO PETROLEUM INDUSTRY MONITORING. Clarifies and strengthens the public utilities commission's authority under the petroleum industry information and reporting act. Appropriates funds for the petroleum industry monitoring, analysis, and reporting special fund for staffing positions to carry out the purpose of the fund. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 1229 SD1 (SSCR562)	RELATING TO SCRAP DEALERS. Requires scrap dealers to include a thumbprint of all persons redeeming copper in the required identification statement. Establishes a copper redemption database. Makes appropriations. (SD1)	CPH/JDL, WAM



SB 1352 SD1 (SSCR305)	RELATING TO HOUSING. Clarifies that amendments to chapter 201G relating to the HHFDC and the programs it administers were meant to be made to the new chapter 201H. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 1402 (SSCR300)	RELATING TO THE LOSS MITIGATION GRANT FUND. Authorizes the release of \$2,000,000 for FY 2007-2008 from the loss mitigation grant fund to provide grants for wind resistive devices.	CPH, WAM
SB 1408 (SSCR301)	RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSING. Re-establishes the issuance and all services fess applicable to limited line motor vehicle rental company producer's licensee. Requires adjusters and independent bill reviewers' place of business be located the licensee principally conducts transactions under the license.	CPH, WAM
SB 1409 (SSCR302)	RELATING TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE. Establishes a \$200,000 maximum annual premium tax paid by captive insurance companies licensed by the DCCA.	CPH, WAM
SB 1412 SD1 (SSCR563)	RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD. Establishes the insurance fraud investigations branch to replace the existing insurance fraud investigations unit to prevent, investigate, and prosecute (both civilly and criminally) insurance fraud relating to all lines of insurance, except workers' compensation insurance. (SD1)	CPH/JDL, WAM
SB 1424 (SSCR299)	MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY. Provides emergency appropriations (\$500,000) for the DCCA Division of Consumer Advocacy to investigate the power outages that occurred on October 15, 2006 on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawaii.	CPH, WAM
SB 1712 SD1 (SSCR304)	RELATING TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS. Gives the director of commerce and consumer affairs licensing authority over mixed martial arts contests. Prohibits no rules combat, extreme or ultimate fighting, or other similar contests. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 1717 SD1 (SSCR565)	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST UTILITIES SERVING THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist utilities in serving the general public. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 1837 SD1 (SSCR349)	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Establishes requirements regarding property management agreements. Clarifies various condominium provisions. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 1848 SD1 (SSCR351)	RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION. Allows the DCCA to provide additional funding to support public, educational, and governmental cable television access. (SD1)	CPH, WAM



SB 679 SD1 (SSCR516)	RELATING TO EMERGENCIES. Allows the Hawaii tourism authority to request that the governor declare that a tourism emergency exists. Authorizes the tourism authority to implement emergency measures to respond to an emergency. Establishes the Hawaii tourism emergency trust fund. (SD1)	TSG/IGM, WAM
SB 1438 SD1 (SSCR518)	ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII STATEHOOD. Establishes a commission to plan and coordinate the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood. Makes appropriation. (SD1)	TSG, WAM
SB 1929 SD1 (SSCR337)	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT. Authorizes the procurement policy board to set administrative fines and authorizes the chief procurement officer to assess the administrative fines. (SD1)	TSG, WAM
SB 1930 SD1 (SSCR338)	RELATING TO THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. Creates the commission on review of state government operations to improve efficiency and effectiveness. (SD1)	TSG, WAM
SB 31 (SSCR217)	RELATING TO VETERAN BURIAL GRANTS. Requires office of veterans' services to pay directly to a mortuary for services and to transport the remains of a deceased veteran who joined the New Filipino Scouts between 10/6/1945, and 6/30/1947, and died after 6/30/1994, to the Philippines upon submission of an unpaid invoice. Appropriates \$.	IGM, WAM
SB 732 SD1 (SSCR431)	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE LIFEGUARDS. Appropriates funds for salaries and benefits for lifeguards for the islands of Kauai and Maui in areas under the jurisdiction of the department of land and natural resources, subject to county matching funds. (SD1)	IGM, WAM
SB 733 SD1 (SSCR92)	RELATING TO VETERANS. Appropriates funds to the department of defense for veterans' newsletters to inform returning veterans of benefit changes and the availability of supportive services and programs. (SD1)	IGM, WAM
SB 769 (SSCR277)	RELATING TO SHORT TERM INVESTMENT OF COUNTY MONEYS. Expands short term investment of county moneys to include commercial paper and bankers' acceptances.	IGM, WAM
SB 781 SD1 (SSCR230)	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY. Appropriates funds to plan a Hawaii state fire and emergency training facility and for a public education campaign on natural disaster preparedness. (SD1)	IGM, WAM
SB 794 (SSCR224)	RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. Appropriates moneys to the department of defense to equip emergency shelters in order to support special needs populations.	IGM, WAM



SB 795 SD1 RELATING TO BUILDING CODES.

IGM/TSG, WAM

(SSCR216)

Requires the department of accounting and general services to establish a state building code that includes hurricane resistive

standards. (SD1)

SB 796 SD1

(SSCR225)

RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE.

IGM, WAM

Authorizes general obligations bonds to fund the installation of additional sirens to the state civil defense warning system and allows the governor to order the release of up to ten per cent of moneys appropriated from interest earnings in the emergency and budget reserve fund to provide assistance after a natural disaster. Appropriates funds for emergency supply caches, the state civil defense major disaster fund, the non-declared disaster activation and response, and funds for the Ethnic Education Foundation of Hawaii to assist them in disseminating information in the event of a disaster. (SD1)

SB 1046 SD1 RELATING TO FEES FOR WINDSHIELD PLACARDS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

IGM/TIA, WAM

(SSCR215) Requires the counties to deposit all fees for temporary and replacement

disabled parking placards into the state general fund. (SD1)

SB 1427 SD1

(SSCR227)

RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY.

IGM, WAM

Establishes the vice-director's salary in alignment with federal

equivalent pay levels. (SD1)

SB 1428 (SSCR93) RELATING TO VETERANS' SERVICES.

IGM, WAM

Authorizes the Governor, to set the salary of the Director of the Office of Veterans' Services at an amount not exceeding 74% of the salary of the Director of Human Pascurses Development

the Director of Human Resources Development.

SB 1431 SD1 (SSCR228) MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR NATURAL DISASTERS.

IGM, WAM

Makes emergency appropriations of \$900,000 in general funds to department of defense for FY 2006-2007, to cover operational expenses associated with the October 15, 2006, Kiholo Bay earthquake disaster recover efforts in the counties of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and the city and county of Honolulu. Makes emergency appropriations of \$24,000,000 to cover the 25% non-federal cost share for earthquake disaster recovery projects made eligible under Public Assistance program, for emergency watershed protection projects under the Natural Resources Conservative Service, upgrading State and county warning systems, repairing and improving irrigation water systems and repairing public school facilities, hospitals, and healthcare facilities. Funds will also be used for structural and non-structural earthquake mitigation projects. (SD1)

SB 1969 SD1 (SSCR321) RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE.

IGM/EDU, WAM

Broadens the scope of the law that provides tuition assistance to Hawaii national guard members attending the University of Hawaii

and appropriates funds for that purpose. (SD1)



SB 620 (SSCR437) RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HAWAII PREPARATORY ACADEMY. EDU, WAM

Appropriates \$50,000,000 in special purpose revenue bonds to assist Hawaii Preparatory Academy to finance the construction of its

educational facilities.

SB 664 (SSCR439) RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR

EDU, WAM

SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for the

construction and improvement of Sacred Hearts Academy, a not-for-

profit private sectarian school.

SB 1214 (SSCR446) RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR LE JARDIN ACADEMY.

EDU, WAM

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for Le Jardin Academy for the construction, improvement, and equipping of its

educational facilities.

SB 1991 (SSCR411) RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE

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REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST NOT-FOR-PROFIT

CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. Authorizes issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for 15 Craigside, a continuing care retirement community, in Nuuanu.

SB 971 (SSCR399)

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH

CARE FACILITIES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Extends the sunset date for the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for The Queen's Health Systems, a not-for-profit corporation, to assist with financing costs of construction, improvements, and equipment of health care facilities from June 30, 2008, to June 30,

2013.

SB 1210 (SSCR601) RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

HSP, WAM

Increases authorization for special purpose revenue bonds under Act 296, SLH 1999. Extends repeal date of SPRB for Honolulu Neighborhood Housing Services from 6/30/08 to 6/30/2011.

SB 597 SD1 (SSCR473) RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SOPOGY INC., IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY.

ENE, WAM

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000 to assist Sopogy, Inc. with planning, designing, construction, equipping, and operating a solar farm power plant at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority to produce

electricity from solar power. (SD1)

SB 1720 (SSCR257)

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST JACOBY DEVELOPMENT, INC., A PROCESSING ENTERPRISE.

ENE, WAM

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for the planning, designing, constructing, and equipping of, and the acquisition of lands for, a plasma municipal solid waste processing system to convert solid wastes into electricity and chemically and biologically inert slag on Oahu.

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SB 993 (SSCR29)	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SEAWATER AIR CONDITIONING PROJECTS ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU. Authorizes issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning LLC for the purpose of design and construction of a seawater air conditioning district cooling system in downtown Honolulu.	ENE, WAM
SB 1718 (SSCR256)	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR ELECTRICAL GENERATION ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI. Authorizes special purpose revenue bonds to BlueEarth Maui Biodiesel, LLC, for construction of a biodiesel refinery on Maui.	ENE, WAM
SB 227 (SSCR436)	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HANALANI SCHOOLS. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for Hanalani Schools.	EDU, WAM
SB 1456 (SSCR403)	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION. Authorizes an emergency appropriation for FY 2006-2007 (\$8,377,698) from general funds to the DOH, for ongoing services provided by the adult mental health division.	HTH, WAM
SB 1457 SD1 (SSCR404)	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. Appropriates general fund revenues as an emergency appropriation to enable the Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) to meet state-approved target numbers under the current Medicaid home and community based service. (SD1)	нтн, wam
SB 1458 (SSCR405)	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH. Appropriates an additional \$1,900,000 in general funds to reimburse costs incurred by the Hawaii Army National Guard or other provider for furnishing helicopter medical transport services on Oahu that were previously provided by the United States Army.	нтн, wam
SB 1459 (SSCR406)	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. Appropriates \$5,299,809 in general funds for FY 2006-2007, for early intervention services for infants and children from birth to three years of age with developmental delay or at biological or environmental risk for developmental delay.	нтн, wam
SB 1463 (SSCR407)	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Increases the expenditure ceiling of the Health Systems special fund to pay for operational costs, and appropriates additional moneys out of the special fund.	нтн, wam



HTH, WAM SB 1260 RELATING TO A GRANT TO KAHUKU HOSPITAL. Makes an emergency appropriation as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, SD1 HRS, to Kahuku Hospital to permit it to maintain operations and cover (SSCR99) costs of reorganization if it is to be transferred to the Hawaii health systems corporation. (SD1) MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR IGM, EDT, WAM SB 1500 DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION COUNTY SURCHARGE SD2 IMPLEMENTATION COSTS. (SSCR365) Authorizes an emergency appropriation for the costs incurred in administering the county surcharge on state general excise tax. (SD2) MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE ENE, WAM SB 1947 DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM. (SSCR258) Makes an emergency appropriation out of the deposit beverage container special fund for reimbursing deposit values, paying handling fees at redemption centers, and operating and administrative costs.

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Senator Rosaly H. Baker

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