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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

**MEASURES DEFERRED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007**

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2007  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street.

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

(Deferred from Thursday, February 22, 2007)

SB 963 SD1	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. 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.	JDL, WAM
SB 1068 SD1	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING. Increases amount that may be spent per voter for state and county elections. (SD1)	JDL, WAM
SB 990 SD1	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	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 1438 SD1	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 1930 SD1	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 794	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 796 SD1	RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE. 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)	IGM, WAM
SB 696 SD1	RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES. Establishes a new part for determining school impact fees for financing new or expanding existing department of education schools or facilities by requiring each school impact district to determine the appropriate student generation rates for the area. (SD1)	EDU/IGM, WAM
SB 885 SD1	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes an agricultural and culinary education pilot program to encourage farming, diversified agriculture, and related industries as long-term career goals, teach students healthy eating habits, and address Hawaii's long-term food sustainability needs. Sunsets in 2012. Establishes a comprehensive vocational agriculture and landscape education program in the public schools. Makes appropriations. (SD1)	EDU/WAH, WAM
SB 1136 SD1	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds for students meeting specific criteria outside of weighted student formula allocations. Allows complex area superintendents to allocate resources within the complex areas. Appropriates moneys for the allocation of resources among the schools within the complex area superintendent's jurisdiction; provided that funds shall be provided at a rate of \$30 per student. (SD1)	EDU, WAM
SB 1149 SD1	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii educational policy center to work with the department of education and other educational research organizations to develop alternative assessment tools, including a comprehensive "growth model". (SD1)	EDU, WAM

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-6800.

