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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

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

A G E N D A

The following bills were previously heard in their respective subject matter committees. For this decision-making, only written comments will be accepted; no oral testimony will be accepted.

SB 644 SD2 (SSCR624)	RELATING TO ENERGY RESOURCES. Requires the installation of solar energy or comparable renewable energy devices to heat water in residential properties, beginning January 1, 2009. Increases limits for renewable energy income tax credit to systems installed and placed in service, in single family and multi-family residential properties. (SD2)	ENE, EDT, WAM
SB 686 SD1 (SSCR176)	RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS. Requires the department of education to report to the legislature on class levels and other career ladder enhancements, the number of affected individuals, and the cost impact of implementing a career ladder for educational assistants. Appropriates funds to the department of education for an educational assistants' career ladder program. (SD1)	EDU, WAM
SB 988 SD1 (SSCR472)	RELATING TO PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY. Establishes a photovoltaic rebate program to all grid-connected residential, community-center, and small business utility customers within electric utility service areas. (SD1)	ENE/CPH, WAM
SB 1103 SD1 (SSCR350)	RELATING TO HOUSING. Appropriates moneys to allow Kukui Gardens to remain an affordable development. (SD1)	CPH, WAM
SB 1276 SD1 (SSCR539)	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement for harbor improvements for the Hawaii superferry. Requires the department of transportation to implement all mitigative measures contained in the environmental impact statement, including amending the operating agreement with Hawaii superferry. Directs the department of transportation to assess the Hawaii superferry for the costs of the environmental impact statement. (SD1)	TIA/ENE, WAM



SB 1612 SD1 (SSCR460)	RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Requires the department of health to adopt reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance. Requires adoption of a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020. Requires the adoption of rules to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions. Authorizes the adoption of market-based compliance mechanisms. (SD1)	ENE, WAM
SB 1644 SD1 (SSCR312)	RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Establishes two new funds; authorizes the department of land and natural resources to transfer leases at Maunaloa, Oahu, in the event of damage due to adverse acts of nature that occurred between January 1, and April 1, 2006; appropriates unspecified amount for lease transfer costs; appropriates unspecified amount to infrastructure fund; requires report to 2008 legislature. (SD1)	WAH, WAM

The following two bills were heard in Ways and Means Committee on Friday, February 2, 2007:

SB 772	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Reiterates the legislature's intent that appropriation transfers or changes between programs and agencies be made only pursuant to legislative authorization.	WAM
SB 1927	RELATING TO BUDGET TRANSPARENCY. Requires the governor to submit quarterly and semiannual updates of the two-year budget and financial plan to the legislature.	WAM

**ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED,
NO ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Persons wishing to submit written comments should include the following information on your comments: name, title, organization, contact information, **position on the bill (support, oppose, or comments)**, the decision-making date/time/room number, bill number, title, and committee to which your comments should be referred. Please submit your comments on 8-1/2 x 11-inch paper (one-sided printing) with 1-inch margins.

Submit comments **in person, by fax, or by e-mail 24 hours prior to the decision-making.**

- a. In person:
 - 25 copies to the committee clerk, Room 210, State Capitol, or
 - 25 copies in the State Capitol basement turnaround, in the Senate box.
- b. By Fax: Comments may also be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands). Please indicate that 25 copies are needed.
- c. By E-mail: Comments may also be e-mailed if less than 5 pages in length, to: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov (the Public Access Room, phone 587-0478). Please indicate that 25 copies are needed. Please note that the Senator's office will not accept e-mail comments.

Comments received after 1:30 p.m. the day before the decision-making will be stamped "LATE."



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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair

