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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 6, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 853	RELATING TO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS. Clarifies that a single violation refers to each separate project where the department of labor and industrial relations finds a contractor has failed to comply with chapter 104.	LAB, EDB, FIN
HB 1146	RELATING TO REHIRING OF GOVERNMENT RETIREES. Authorizes the State and the counties to rehire government retirees and allow retirees to collect pension benefits while working.	LAB, FIN
HB 1162	RELATING TO THE REHIRING OF RETIREES. Authorizes the State and the counties to rehire governmental retirees under civil service procedures and without additional pension benefits.	LAB, FIN
HB 1819	RELATING TO THE REHIRING OF RETIREES. Authorizes state and county governments to rehire retired employees during labor shortages and for difficult-to-fill occupational areas without retirement benefit penalty.	LAB, FIN
HB 1818	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. Permits state and county governments to rehire retired employees as permanent employees without affecting the rehired retirees' retirement benefits.	LAB, FIN
HB 988	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Reduces the years of credited service needed to obtain service credit for military service.	LAB, FIN

HB 1291	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.</p> <p>Allows payment of interest to Noncontributory members who have ERS deductions erroneously made from their compensation. Excludes a "foster child" from being eligible for ERS death benefits if the member dies in service. Allows the ERS Board to set the Chief Investment Officer's salary. Requires excess contributions to be refunded upon retirement, termination or death for judges, legislative officers and elected officials if their retirement allowance exceeds the statutory cap of 75%. Clarifies that Hybrid Plan member contributions that are picked up by the employer are subject to the annual federal income tax limits. Allows post retirement allowances to be paid to beneficiaries who select a monthly annuity instead of the lump sum balance or other clarifying or conforming revisions.</p>	LAB, FIN
HB 1292	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.</p> <p>Allows elective officers to exercise their option to join the ERS at any time during their term of office and also allow elective officers and judges to withdraw from ERS membership while remaining in office. Repeals the provisions that make ERS membership by elective officers optional and replaces those provisions with a new section that requires elective officers to exercise a one-time irrevocable option to join the ERS when they are elected for the first time (or, in the case of existing office holders, by February 1, 2008). Sets forth the circumstances under which retirants may return to service as elective officers without suspension of retirement benefits. Repeals the provision that allows elective officers and judges who have reached the statutory cap on retirement benefits to withdraw from ERS membership by nominally retiring even though they remain in office.</p>	LAB, FIN
HB 1660	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.</p> <p>Makes adjustments to the Employees' Retirement System.</p>	LAB, FIN
HB 1853	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.</p> <p>Authorizes the board of trustees of the Employees' Retirement System to set the amount of class A, B, and H employee contributions to the annuity savings fund of the Employees' Retirement System.</p>	LAB, FIN
HB 1290	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.</p> <p>Eliminates confusion or misinterpretations regarding which "beneficiaries" of an employee killed in the performance of duty or of a deceased retiree are eligible to become EUTF employee-beneficiaries.</p>	LAB, FIN
HB 1746	<p>RELATING TO VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION TRUSTS.</p> <p>Extends the sunset date of Act 245, SLH 2005, to 2013. Requires employee organizations that establish VEBA trusts to report to the legislature after two full years of implementation and annually thereafter.</p>	LAB, FIN

RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Requires that substance abuse testing be conducted according to the manufacturer's rather than the federal government's package insert. Amends definition of "substance abuse on-site screening test" to include tests used for forensic testing as a workplace testing device.

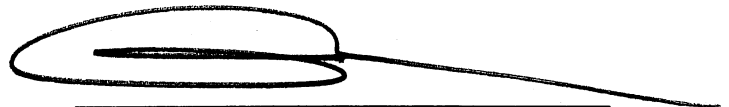
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