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STATE OF THE STATE ON Y2K

How well prepared are the State of Hawaii's computers to handle the Year 2000 (Y2K) transition? Legislators want to know. Three House of Representatives committees jointly have scheduled an informational briefing on the subject on Friday, March 12, 1999, in Conference Room 309 of the State Capitol, beginning at 1:30 p.m.



The committees are: Public Safety & Military Affairs, Legislative Management, and Finance. Representatives from key state departments have been invited to make formal presentations on the status of their Y2K compliance efforts, according to Rep. Nestor Garcia (D - Waipahu, Crestview), chair, Public Safety Committee.

"Our main goal is to monitor the progress of this effort because of its potential impact on the public. We want to be assured that the state's transition into the next millenium will not disrupt people's lives," said Rep. Dwight Takamine (D - North Hilo, Hamakua), Finance Committee chair.

The State Department of Accounting and General Services is the lead agency in coordinating the statewide Y2K compliance effort. Other departments making presentations include: Transportation, Human Services, Public Safety, Hawaii Health Systems Corp., and Defense. The state's Y2K consultant will also participate.

Although no public testimony will be accepted at the briefing, Rep. Ezra Kanoho (D - Lihue, Kapaa), chair, Legislative Management Committee, encouraged all members of the public to attend and receive firsthand information regarding this important effort.

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