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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2006  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

**EIA/JHW**

SB 2345

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM ENVIRONMENTAL  
COVENANTS ACT.

EIA/JHW

Provides for "environmental covenants" for contaminated property to assure long-term compliance with requirements needed to protect the public and environment when complete removal of contaminants is not feasible, practical, or necessary.

**JHW only**

SB 917

SD1

(SSCR378)

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT.

WLA, JHW

Amends the nominating committee for the water resource management commission by removing one committee member that is appointed by the governor and adding one committee member that shall be appointed by the office of Hawaiian affairs. (SD1)

SB 918

SD1

(SSCR336)

RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT.

WLA, JHW

Requires the CZM public advisory body members to be appointed by the director of the lead agency in consultation with the chairperson of the board of trustees for OHA. (SD1)

SB 679

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE STATE OF HAWAII RELATING TO TESTIMONY OF  
DEFENDANTS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

JHW

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to permit testifying criminal defendants to be impeached with evidence of prior convictions for crimes involving dishonesty.



SB 2243	RELATING TO BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE. Provides for the immediate DNA testing of all felons who are currently incarcerated. Allows for post conviction DNA testing for those who were not convicted but were acquitted of a crime on the ground of physical or mental disease, disorder, or defect.	JHW
SB 940 SD1 (SSCR589)	RELATING TO THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT. Amends the review procedure process under the patients' bill of rights and responsibilities act. Preserves commissioner's discretion to convene panel to hear cases for consumers in non-ERISA plans. Requires the commissioner to determine whether requests for external review concerns an ERISA plan and to direct all requests for review of ERISA plan benefits to an independent review organization selected by the commissioner.	CPH/HTH, JHW
SB 2551 SD1 (SSCR2399)	RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Authorizes the liquor commission to extend the time from 30 days to 45 days for giving a decision to grant or refuse an application. Allows commission to remove names from registered voter list for lack of residency. Deems an application denied if the commission does not make a decision granting or refusing an application. Exempts hearings from chapter 91. (SD1)	IGA, JHW

**Decision Making to follow, if time permits.**

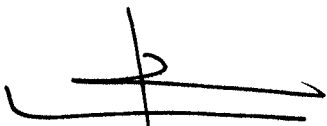
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