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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 21, 2007
TIME: 2:00 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 1060 SD1, HD1 (HSCR1251)	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW. Amends workers' compensation law, including limiting an employer's ability to terminate benefits, authorizing the recovery of attorney's fees and costs by the injured employee, specifying procedures for medical examinations by the employer's physician, establishing fines for violations, requiring the reporting of denials of claims and relevant information, and further restricting the director of labor and industrial relations' rulemaking authority. (SB1060 HD1)	LAB, CPC, FIN
SB 12 SD2, HD1 (HSCR1261)	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE RATE REGULATION. Prohibits health insurance rates that are excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory. Requires health care insurers to submit rate filings for approval by the insurance commissioner. Establishes penalties and appeal procedures. (SB12 HD1)	HLT, CPC, FIN
SB 53 (HSCR1226)	RELATING TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. Includes marriage and family therapy among the mental illness and alcohol and drug dependence benefits required within the hospital and medical coverage offered under accident and sickness insurance policies and similar insurance products.	HLT, CPC, FIN
SB 600 (HSCR1222)	RELATING TO LEASEHOLD CONVERSION. Exempts from taxation 100% of capital gains realized during taxable years 2008-2012 from sale of leased fee interest in condominium units to association of apartment owners or residential cooperative corporations.	HSH, CPC, FIN

SB 1400
SD2, HD1
(HSCR1271)

RELATING TO FINANCIAL ABUSE.
Requires financial institutions to report suspected instances of financial abuse directed towards, targeting, or committed against an elder to a local law enforcement agency or the department of human services.
(SB1400 HD1)

HSH, CPC, JUD

SB 1678
SD2, HD1
(HSCR1246)

RELATING TO MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT.
Requires health care plans to reimburse health care providers 100% of the medicaid or medicare reimbursement rate in effect for the current year and updated for each calendar year thereafter. Appropriates \$
(HD1)

HSH/HLT, CPC,
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DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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