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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 27th, 2007
TIME: 2:00pm
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 845 HD1 (HSCR556)	RELATING TO SHARK FEEDING. Changes ban on all shark feeding activities to prohibit all commercial shark feeding activity, including soliciting and advertising, in the state or state waters. (HB839 HD1)	WLH, JUD
HB 747	RELATING TO JURY SERVICE. Allows dentists to claim an exemption from jury service.	JUD
HB 1830 HD1 (HSCR608)	RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION. Provides immunity from prosecution for leaving an unharmed newborn at certain safe havens within 72 hours of birth. Provides immunity from liability for personnel at the safe havens for receiving a newborn. Requires safe haven personnel to make an effort to obtain information on the infant. (HB1830 HD1)	HSH/HLT, JUD
HB 931 (HSCR597)	RELATING TO MOPEDS. Exempts certain three wheeled mopeds from passenger and seating restrictions on the operation of mopeds.	TRN, JUD
HB 1814 (HSCR483)	RELATING TO FAMILY COURT. Allows the legislature to request reports from the board of family court judges.	LMG, JUD
HB 1773	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Authorizes elections commission to investigate absentee voter violations and request the attorney general or appropriate county prosecutor to prosecute violations of absentee voter law.	JUD

HB 1832 (HSCR581)	RELATING TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING. Limits the size of outdoor advertising displays on residential property.	WLH, JUD
HB 1833 (HSCR511)	RELATING TO UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES. Prohibits person or entity requiring a bid, payment, or performance bond from designating a particular surety from whom the bond is to be obtained.	CPC, JUD
HB 18 (HSCR499)	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Authorizes the teacher standards board to suspend its policies, rules, and standards when extenuating circumstances require.	EDN, LAB, JUD
HB 670 HD1 (HSCR659)	RELATING TO INFORMATION PRACTICES. Provides a qualified exemption to the University of Hawaii and the University of Hawaii Foundation from disclosure of donor information.	HED, JUD
HB 1503 (HSCR135)	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT. Amends definitions of "closing", "covered establishment", and "employer". Requires employer to notify employees of divestiture. Imposes penalties for failure to notify employees of business closing.	LAB, JUD
HB 1750 HD1 (HSCR646)	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Removes the requirement that applicants for state or county public employment must be a resident of Hawaii at the time of application. (HB1750 HD1)	LAB, JUD
HB 1518 (HSCR437)	RELATING TO DESIGN PROFESSIONALS. Requires the filing of a certificate of merit with any complaint filed against a design professional for the failure to meet the standard of care; and requires the filing of a preliminary expert opinion affidavit.	CPC, JUD
HB 375 (HSCR240)	RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS' RIGHT OF WAY. Clarifies a driver's duty to stop or yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk when traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation.	TRN, JUD
HB 527 HD1 (HSCR664)	RELATING TO TOBACCO. Prohibits the sale and distribution of flavored tobacco products. Prohibits sale of cigarettes from self-service displays. Defines "self-service displays". Clarifies definition of "cigarette vending machine". Changes amount of fine from \$1,000 per day to unspecified amounts for first and subsequent offenses. Prohibits smoking statewide on public beaches and in public parks. (HB527 HD1)	HLT, JUD
HB 1608 (HSCR324)	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Allows for the establishment of traffic emergency zones to provide highway access to designated areas.	TRN/PSM, JUD
HB 1609 (HSCR600)	RELATING TO HIGHWAYS. Excludes repairs or maintenance to existing state highways from county special management area permit requirements when the repair is necessary to preserve or regain the integrity of the road or highway.	TRN, JUD

HB 1246	RELATING TO METAL. Establishes the offense of theft of copper. Adds special requirements for the purchase of copper by scrap dealers and to hold scrap dealers accountable for violations.	JUD
HB 408 HD1 (HSCR586)	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Prohibits any industrial, commercial, or residential development or infrastructure serving the development within feet from the property line of any farming operation. (HB408 HD1)	WLH/AGR, JUD
HB 1155 (HSCR459)	RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROPERTY DAMAGE. Clarifies calculation of criminal property damages to agricultural products.	AGR, JUD
HB 659 HD1 (HSCR356)	RELATING TO TARO. Establishes the taro plant as the state plant.	TAC/WLH, JUD
HB 1707 (HSCR538)	RELATING TO PROTECTION OF CAVES. Exempts the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the appropriate Island Burial Council, and recognized descendants of burials located within the land parcel on which the cave is located from confidentiality of cave location or resources.	WLH, JUD
HB 1499 HD1 (HSCR677)	RELATING TO OCEAN RESOURCES. Authorizes administrative inspections of bags and containers used to carry aquatic life, or vehicles or conveyances to transport aquatic life; repeals the probable cause requirement; directs the department of land and natural resources to create an administrative search scheme. (HB1499 HD1)	WLH, JUD
HB 888	RELATING TO CRIME. Short form bill relating to crime.	JUD

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

The following measures are for decision making only, no public testimony will be accepted.

HB 304	RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES. Requires the Governor, in filling vacancies in the Senate, House of Representatives, and U.S. Senate, to select from a list of three prospective appointees nominated by the political party of the prior incumbent. Requires prospective appointees to be registered members of nominating political parties for at least six months prior to the appointment. Effective on approval.	JUD
HB 373 (HSCR2)	RELATING TO SCRAP DEALERS. Requires scrap seller or scrap seller's agent to disclose the location from which and party from whom scrap was obtained prior to sale to a scrap dealer; increases penalties for violation.	CPC, JUD

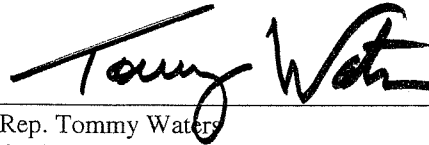
HB 676	RELATING TO ANIMALS. Creates a new offense of aggravated cruelty to pet animals. Provides penalties.	JUD
HB 451	RELATING TO GRAFFITI. Increases penalties for graffiti.	JUD
HB 683	RELATING TO PROPERTY DAMAGE. Eliminates the requirement that a conviction have occurred within the 5 years preceding the current offense to be considered a prior offense for purpose of aggravated criminal property damage.	JUD
HB 330	RELATING TO PROSTITUTION. Makes a third and subsequent conviction for prostitution and loitering to engage in or advance prostitution a class C felony.	JUD
HB 1784 HD1 (HSCR536)	RELATING TO CRIME. Creates the offense of human trafficking. (HB1784 HD1)	HSH, JUD
HB 1234	RELATING TO TESTIMONY. Adopts a uniform standard based on the Federal Rules of Evidence for ensuring the admissibility of reliable, trustworthy, and relevant lay and expert testimony in a judicial proceeding.	JUD
HB 1253	RELATING TO THE HAWAII RULES OF EVIDENCE. Allows individuals, corporations, and government entities to offer apologies or other expressions of sympathy without fear of such gestures being used against them to establish civil liability.	JUD
The following measure has been previously decided upon and is being reconsidered, no public testimony will be accepted.		
HB 1210	RELATING TO JURORS AND PROSPECTIVE JURORS. Updates and clarifies definitions. Streamlines and affords greater flexibility to the courts to determine the most efficient and effective procedures for selecting, qualifying, summoning, managing, and compensating prospective jurors and jurors. Repeals obsolete provisions.	JUD

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Rep. Tommy Waters
Chair