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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, February 20, 2008
TIME: 3:30 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A # 3

HB 2520, HD2
(HSCR512-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO CAREGIVERS.

Amends the temporary disability insurance law to permit an eligible employee to collect up to two weeks of temporary disability insurance benefit payments to care for a family member with a qualifying disability. Effective 07/01/2009.

HLT/HSB, LAB,
FIN

HB 2519, HD2
(HSCR427-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Establishes the Hawaii Health Corps that will provide loan repayment and stipends for physicians and dentists who agree to work in health professional shortage areas and as first responders during civil defense and other emergencies. Expands the Enterprise Zone Business Tax Credit, general excise tax exemption, and other business incentives to include physicians and dentists who establish or maintain practices in areas designated as enterprise zones.

HLT, HED, FIN

HB 2501, HD1
(HSCR600-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.

Establishes statutory provisions on, and appropriates funds for, the department of agriculture's biosecurity program.

AGR, EEP, FIN

HB 2516
(HSCR323-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.

Authorizes issue of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the joint biosecurity inspection facilities at Honolulu international airport and Honolulu harbor.

AGR/EEP, FIN



HB 2518
(HSCR373-08)
Status

RELATING TO LAND CONSERVATION.
Provides a tax credit to encourage the preservation and protection of conservation land in the State.

WLH, FIN

(Email Testimony)

HB 2527
(HSCR566-08)
Status

RELATING TO SMART GROWTH.
Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a system of greenways and trails. Requires the Office of Planning to coordinate smart growth planning.

WLH, FIN

(Email Testimony)

HB 2521, HD1
(HSCR279-08)
Status

RELATING TO EDUCATION.
Requires 1 percent of general revenues accrued from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2014, to be deposited into the newly-created University of Hawaii Repair and Maintenance Special Account for the repair and maintenance of UH facilities. Expresses the Legislature's intent to authorize and appropriate, in each fiscal year of the fiscal period July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2014, at least an additional \$50,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the repair and maintenance of UH facilities. Provides that, if the \$50,000,000 in bonds is not appropriated in a fiscal year, general excise tax revenues to make up the shortfall shall be automatically transferred to the special account. States that the appropriations of special account moneys and general obligation bond funds shall be in lump sums so that UH has the discretion to identify the repair and maintenance projects that should be funded. Appropriates \$50,000,000 from the special account in fiscal year 2008-2009 for the repair and maintenance of UH facilities. Authorizes and appropriates \$50,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the repair and maintenance of UH facilities.

HED, FIN

(Email Testimony)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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