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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: February 06, 2008  
TIME: 8 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 329  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 3352</u>	RELATING TO AN AUDIT OF THE HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER. Requires the auditor to perform a financial and management audit of the Hawaii Disability Rights Center.	HLT/HSB, LMG, FIN
<u>HB 3150</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT Clarifies the different reporting requirements for hazardous substances and extremely hazardous substances.	HLT, EEP, FIN
<u>HB 2727</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires all health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide mandatory coverage for all policyholders, member, subscribers, and individuals under age 21 for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders beginning 1/1/2009.	HLT, CPC, FIN



<u>HB 2915</u>	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PREPARING CANDIDATES FOR NURSES LICENSING EXAMINATIONS IN HAWAII.</p> <p>Appropriates \$100,000 to University of Hawaii to support a program of study to prepare candidates to pass the licensing examination for nurses in Hawaii.</p>	HLT, HED, FIN
<u>HB 2077</u>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.</p> <p>Requires that mutual benefit societies annually spend on health community benefit programs no less than 50 percent of the savings that they receive annually from their general excise tax exemption as nonprofit organizations.</p>	HLT, CPC
<u>HB 3157</u>	<p>RELATING TO DIRECT PAYMENT TO PROVIDERS</p> <p>Allows medical services providers to receive payment directly from health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and mutual benefit societies, rather than attempting to collect from the patient when the provider does not have a contract with the insurer.</p>	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 3242</u>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH.</p> <p>Clarifies the prescribing of opiates for pain treatment. Extends the time limit in which scheduled II controlled substances prescriptions must be filled.</p>	HLT, JUD
<u>HB 2796</u>	<p>RELATING TO INSURANCE.</p> <p>Provides that health insurance companies with more than 50 per cent of the market share provide increased insurance reimbursements and those insurers with less than 50 per cent of the market share will be afforded an exemption from taxes on premiums provided they work toward decreasing the number of uninsured in Hawaii.</p>	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 3152</u>	<p>MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH</p> <p>Makes an emergency appropriation for FY 2008 to pay for the City and County of Honolulu's collective bargaining costs relating to emergency medical services.</p>	HLT, FIN
<u>HB 1598</u>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTHCARE.</p> <p>Establishes agency to operate a single-payer universal healthcare insurance system.</p>	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 3158</u>	<p>RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION BACKGROUND CHECKS</p> <p>Authorize the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to conduct FBI criminal history record checks through the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center on employees, applicants, current or prospective contractors, providers, or volunteers.</p>	HLT, JUD, FIN
<u>HB 3332</u>	<p>RELATING TO PRE-PACKAGED MEAT.</p> <p>Amends the definition of "adulterated" to include pre-packaged meat that has been treated with gas or other technology to enhance color only.</p>	HLT, CPC

**FOR DECISION MAKING ONLY:**



HB 2675

RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

HLT, PSM/JUD

Authorizes the use of a written certification or its equivalent issued by another state government to permit the medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient in place of a certificate provided by the Department of Public Safety.

HB 2678

RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

HLT, PSM/JUD,  
FIN

Authorizes the establishment of a secure growing facility for the production of medical marijuana for not more than fourteen qualified patients.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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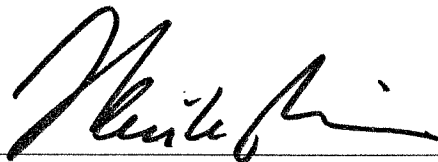
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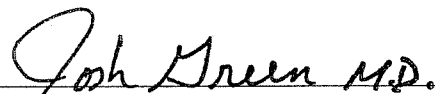
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