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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 1, 2008
TIME: 1:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 2856 Testimony	RELATING TO TAXATION OF PREMIUMS. Eliminates the insurance premium tax on health insurers.	CPH/HTH, EDT, WAM
SB 2864 Testimony	RELATING TO INSURANCE. 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.	CPH/HTH, EDT, WAM
SB 2110 Testimony	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Mandates health insurance coverage to screen for colorectal cancer by colonoscopy every ten years, beginning at age fifty.	CPH/HTH, WAM
SB 2120 Testimony	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. 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.	HTH/CPH, EDT, WAM
HTH ONLY: SB 3083 Testimony	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Appropriation of general funds for fiscal year 2007-2008 to pay current, essential vendors, reduce accounts payable, and allow operation and provision of current levels of service in Hawaii Health Systems Corporation's facilities.	HTH, WAM



<u>SB 2768</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST THE MAUI REGION OF THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Authorizes issuance of \$150,000,000 in revenue bonds for a heart, brain, and spine center at the Maui memorial medical center.	HTH, WAM
<u>SB 2416</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH. Requires the department of health to establish and administer the water fluoridation pilot program in Maui county to adjust the amount of naturally occurring fluoride in the water to a level that will benefit oral health. Makes appropriations.	HTH, WAM
<u>SB 2738</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS. Requires insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders for covered individuals less than twenty-one years of age.	HTH, CPH, WAM
<u>SB 2417</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires a study of health care adequacy on Maui, including regional health information organization establishment; establishes a tax credit providing an incentive for health care providers to furnish services and health care training on Maui. Makes appropriation.	HTH, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2705</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires the department of taxation to defer general excise tax collection for the Hawaii Medical Center's hospital operations between July 1, 2008, and an unspecified date. Also requires the department to collect the deferred taxes plus interest after the unspecified date. Provides for immediate payment of deferred taxes, interest, and penalty upon occurrence of certain events.	HTH, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2706</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Extends the general excise tax exemption for non-profit hospitals, infirmaries, and sanitarium to for-profit hospitals, infirmaries, and sanitarium. Makes conforming amendments.	HTH, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 3236</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO LIFE SCIENCES. Provides for an income tax credit amounting to fifteen per cent of qualified clinical trials incurred, in any county of Hawaii with a population over 700,000, and twenty per cent in any county with a population under 700,000. Establishes criteria to qualify for the tax credit. Caps credit at \$8,000,000 per clinical trial.	HTH, EDT, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 215, State Capitol.
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