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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A M E N D E D A G E N D A

<u>SB 240</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Directs public utilities commission to require that each electric utility invest a percentage of its net income in expanding, upgrading, improving, replacing, or hardening its generation and transmission infrastructure.	CPN
<u>SB 396</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES. Requires that a public utility's automatic fuel rate adjustment clause include provisions that the cost of fuel shall be determined on a calendar basis and shall be equal to the average of the three lowest of the four weekly averages of the spot daily price of the fuel in regional areas of the United States.	CPN
<u>SB 459</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Requires the public utilities commission to notify the public about new regulatory proceedings via its website and changes the deadline for intervention in certain proceedings to be no later than 20 days after posting of the preceding notice on the commission's website.	CPN
<u>SB 603</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES. Requires the public utilities commission to consider other telecommunications services when determining competition in the switched access telephone service market.	CPN
<u>SB 880</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS. Repeals the Public Utilities Commission's responsibility for pipeline safety and inspection functions in Hawaii because this has been the responsibility of the Federal Office of Pipeline Safety since 1993.	CPN
<u>SB 448</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES. Clarifies prohibition on deceptive trade practices to prohibit advertisement of goods or services that violate any federal, state, or county law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.	CPN

<u>SB 771</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO APPRAISALS. Requires a real estate appraiser to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice when acting as an appraiser in an arbitration to determine the fair market value of real estate.	CPN
<u>SB 1113</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>RELATING TO GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS ON TIME SHARES.</u> <u>Repeals the authority to have time share units in an existing hotel in a county with a population in excess of 500,000 if the property has at least 60 units and at least 40% of the units are made available for sale as residential apartments or rented as residential apartments.</u>	CPN <u>The following measure(s) has been ADDED to the agenda:</u> <u>02/23/2009</u> CPN
<u>SB 1156</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS. Prohibits landlord-tenant agreements from having no pet clauses.	CPN
<u>SB 1157</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS. Prohibits landlords from discriminating against tenants with pets.	CPN
<u>SB 304</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE BENEFITS. Provides parity by removing all rates, terms, or conditions, including service limits and financial requirements, on mental health and alcohol and drug abuse treatment benefits coverage.	CPN The following measure(s) has been ADDED to the agenda: 02/20/09 LBR The following measure(s) has been DELETED from the agenda: 02/2-/2009
<u>SB 306</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Eliminates the statute of limitations for filing workers' compensation claims.	02/20/09 LBR The following measure(s) has been DELETED from the agenda: 02/2-/2009

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

FOR AMENDED HEARING NOTICES: If the notice is an amended notice, measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If there is a measure that is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways by 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the hearing:

- By Email: Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Committee at CPNTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov . Please indicate the measure, date and time of the hearing. Email sent to individual offices or any other Senate office will not be accepted.
- By Web: Testimony may be submitted online if less than 4MB in size, at <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>.
- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 231, State Capitol.

- By fax: Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing.

Please note: If you submit your written testimony after 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the hearing, please sign-in at the staff table to testify orally. A copy of your testimony may not be available during the hearing but will be posted online for the public after the hearing.

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