

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday February 18, 2009
TIME: 3:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>SB 254</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.	HTH, WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Provides a refundable tax credit equal to twenty-five per cent of the actual cost of a new generator or rechargeable battery that is used to power a taxpayer's life-saving or critical health-maintenance equipment at home. Limits the maximum credit allowable for any taxable year to \$200.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 174</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.	HTH, WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Exempts neighbor island physicians and osteopathic physicians from paying general excise taxes or unemployment insurance taxes.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 185</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.	HTH, WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Assesses a surcharge on all soft drinks sold in the State.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 427</u>	<u>RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAXATION.</u>	<u>HTH, WAM</u>
<u>Testimony</u>	<u>Excludes from the general excise tax, amounts received by a managed care support contractor of the TRICARE program for the actual cost or advancement to third party health care providers pursuant to a contract with the United States.</u>	<u>(Measure added on 02-11-09)</u>
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 230</u>	RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS.	HTH, JGO
<u>Testimony</u>	Amends the crime victims' bill of rights to include notice or waiver of notice as to an offender's unfitness to stand trial, transfer to the state hospital or other psychiatric facility, or regaining fitness to proceed. Requires the department of health to provide notice of offender unauthorized absences.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 843</u>	RELATING TO SENTENCING.	HTH, JGO
<u>Testimony</u>	To restore a statutory provision allowing for presentence mental health or medical examination of defendants for purposes of sentencing.	
<u>Status</u>		

<u>SB 930</u> Testimony Status	RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES. Provides for medical expenses and immunity from liability for licensed medical personnel providing volunteer medical services on behalf of the State or a county.	HTH, JGO
<u>SB 1076</u> Testimony Status	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Establishes the Hawaii county health initiative task force to develop a comprehensive strategic health plan and to expedite the approval of new acute care facilities and medical or emergency services for the county of Hawaii.	HTH, WAM
<u>SB 169</u> Testimony Status	RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH CORPS. Establishes the Hawaii health corps that provides annual stipends to physicians and dentists who work in health professional shortage areas and shortage specialties; establishes the Hawaii health corps special fund.	HTH, WAM
<u>SB 416</u> Testimony Status	RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH CORPS PROGRAM. Establishes the Hawaii health corps program to address physician shortages in rural areas of the State; establishes a loan repayment program and an incentive plan for the recruitment of health care professionals to serve shortage areas.	HTH, WAM
<u>SB 1074</u> Testimony Status	RELATING TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE. Limits damages in medical malpractice claims to \$1,000,000 for noneconomic damages and to \$3,000,000 for noneconomic damages arising from injuries found to be catastrophic by a court. Provides income tax credit for fifty per cent of the cost of medical malpractice insurance premiums under certain circumstances. Sunset 7/31/2014.	HTH, JGO/WAM
<u>SB 1093</u> Testimony Status	RELATING TO HAWAII EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. Requires Hawaii employers' mutual insurance company to provide medical malpractice insurance to physicians licensed to practice in Hawaii.	HTH, CPN

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 HTHTestimony@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 215, 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.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., sign or foreign language interpreter or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the committee clerk 24 hours prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made.

Please note: All testimony received by the Hawaii Senate will be posted on the Hawaii Legislature's Website. Documents made available through the Testimony hyperlink(s) above may not be posted until the start of the hearing.

Public Folder. A folder labeled "Public Folder" containing the measures and testimonies for the hearing will be available for shared use by members of the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 586-6363.

Senator David Y. Ige
Chair