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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2009  
TIME: 8:30 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 309  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

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| <u>HB 1536</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO SALARIES.<br>Freezes the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, justices and judges of all state courts, Administrative Director of the State, departmental directors and deputy directors, and members of the Legislature.  | LAB, FIN |
| <u>HB 1106</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.<br>Protects the rights of public employees by preserving health, retirement, leave, and other benefits if furloughs are implemented in fiscal years 2009 to 2013.   | LAB, FIN |
| <u>HB 1718</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS.<br>Specifies that the requirement that the State and the counties reimburse retired employees for medicare part B premiums through the employer-union trust fund applies only to the employees who retire prior to 12/31/09.   | LAB, FIN |
| <u>HB 1719</u><br><u>Status</u> | RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.<br>Suspends state and county contributions to the EUTF for all state and county employee-beneficiaries who retire after 7/1/09, regardless of date of hire and years of service, if the employee retires before the employee's medicare retirement age. Resumes coverage after medicare retirement age. Allows employee to retain health coverage through the EUTF by paying the respective state or county share of premiums until medicare retirement age. | LAB, FIN |



From 07/01/2009 to 06/30/2015: (1) prohibits health benefits plan of the employer-union health benefits trust fund from providing prescription drug coverage; and (2) allows board of trustees to make prescription drug benefits available through drug coverage plans that are paid for entirely by employee-beneficiaries.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing with a transmittal cover indicating:

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