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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2009
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 1723</u> Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Makes employer contributions to the employer-union health benefits trust fund non-negotiable under collective bargaining. Establishes employer contributions for active public employees at 55 per cent of monthly cost of the health benefits plan.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB 1715</u> Status	RELATING TO RETIREMENT. Increases, for new public employees, the minimum age and length of service for an unreduced service retirement allowance.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB 1726</u> Status	RELATING TO THE HEALTH FUND. Prohibits the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund from providing group life insurance benefits if any of the premiums are paid by the State or a county. Allows the trust fund to contract with a group life insurer to make available group life insurance benefits to employee-beneficiaries provided that none of the premiums are paid by the State or any county and the insurer pays a fee to the board of trustees.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB 1727</u> Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. Prohibits the health benefits plan of the employer-union health benefits trust fund from providing dental and vision coverage from 07/01/2009 until 06/30/2015. Allows the board of trustees to make dental and vision benefits available to employee-beneficiaries at no cost to the employers.	LAB, FIN

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