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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday February 5, 2009
TIME: 9:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>SB 76</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.	WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Amends section 231-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to distribute a partial payment of taxes in equal amounts to interest, penalties, and principal.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 199</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.	WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Sunsets and repeals all tax credits for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 337</u>	RELATING TO CONFORMANCE OF STATE PERSONAL EXEMPTION TO FEDERAL PERSONAL EXEMPTION.	WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Conforms the state personal exemption amount to the federal personal exemption amount.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 354</u>	RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX.	WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Exempts the general excise tax rate for fundraising activities by charitable organizations.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 387</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.	WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Reiterates the legislature's intent that appropriation transfers or changes between programs and agencies be made only pursuant to legislative authorization.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 389</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.	WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Directs the legislative reference bureau to review the memorandum of understanding between the department of education and the department of budget and finance for the allotment of capital improvement projects, for the purpose of replicating the processes of the memorandum of understanding for usage by other state agencies.	
<u>Status</u>		
<u>SB 646</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY.	WAM
<u>Testimony</u>	Amends the governor's power to unilaterally limit appropriations that were previously approved by the legislature to require the governor to explain in writing any decisions to limit appropriations approved by the legislature.	
<u>Status</u>		

<u>SB 659</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO STATE FUNDS. Amends the disclosure requirements for recipients of monetary awards from the State. Requires the department of accounting and general services to manage and update the information posted on the website.	WAM
<u>SB 973</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION. Deters tax fraud and promotes uniformity in the tax system by conforming Hawaii tax law to the Internal Revenue Code for preparer penalties and accuracy-related penalties.	WAM, JGO
<u>SB 1197</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ECONOMY. Requires the department of taxation to provide an annual report on tax expenditures to the legislature on or before September 15th of each odd-numbered year.	WAM
<u>SB 1327</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE RATE OF INTEREST APPLICABLE TO OVERPAYMENTS OF TAX. Amends the current interest rate payable on overpayments of tax to the rate of one-third of one per cent for each month or fraction thereof.	WAM
<u>SB 1624</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO EITHER FUND THE TAX CREDIT UNDER ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION, OR DEPOSIT THE SAME AMOUNT INTO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND. Allows the legislature to either fund the tax credit under article VII, section 6 of the state constitution or deposit the same amount into the emergency and budget reserve "rainy day" fund.	WAM, JGO

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 210, 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.
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