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Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Friday February 27, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

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SB 37, SD1

[\(SSCR18\)](#)

[Testimony](#)

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RELATING TO INTRA-COUNTY FERRY SERVICE.
Exempts proceeds from sale of liquid fuel to intra-county ferry operations from general excise tax. (SD1)

WTL/TIA, WAM

SB 68, SD1

[\(SSCR324\)](#)

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ON OCEAN WATERS.
Adds regulatory function over commercial use of state waters and marine resources to the department of land and natural resources. Effective 7/1/50. (SD1)

WTL/EDT, WAM

SB 86, SD1

[\(SSCR16\)](#)

[Testimony](#)

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RELATING TO MAKUA.
Establishes the Makua valley reserve commission to oversee preservation and restoration activities in Makua valley on Oahu.

WTL, WAM

SB 579, SD1

[\(SSCR97\)](#)

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RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.
Requires that all letterheads, documents, symbols, and emblems of the State and other political subdivisions include both state languages. (SD1)

WTL, WAM

SB 638, SD1

[\(SSCR100\)](#)

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RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.
Establishes a two year moratorium on evictions of residents from Kahana valley state park; establishes the planning council to create and implement a living park master plan for Kahana valley state park. (SD1)

WTL, WAM

<p><u>SB 643, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR99)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Transfers management of Kahana valley state park from the department of land and natural resources to the department of Hawaiian home lands. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 995, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR432)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. Resolves claims and disputes relating to the portion of income and proceeds from the lands of the public land trust for use by the office of Hawaiian affairs between 11/7/1978 and 7/1/2009; conveys certain parcels of real property in fee simple to the office of Hawaiian affairs. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1141, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR98)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Requires the department of land and natural resources to offer for sale or exchange to leaseholders parcels of Sand Island. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1228, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR203)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO STATE SMALL BOAT HARBORS. Clarifies that commercial fishing operations can transfer ownership without losing necessary permits. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1313, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR156)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. Repeals the Hawaii community development authority and transfers jurisdiction over lands previously under the authority's control. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL/TIA, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1345</u> <u>(SSCR230)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Provides for fair compensation, including an automatic lease extension, when leased public land for agricultural or pastoral uses is withdrawn, condemned, or taken for public purposes.</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<u>HTH</u>		
<p><u>SB 44, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR386)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Requires (1) department of health to assume all community hospital liabilities accrued up to 6/30/1996; and (2) Hawaii health systems corporation (HHSC) to assume all subsequent liabilities. Clarifies HHSC responsibility for payments into the employees' retirement system funds for its employees. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/LBR, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 415, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR408)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES. Requires the department of health to license home care agencies. Sunsets 6/30/2014. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/CPN, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 436, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR335)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO LIFE SCIENCES. Provides for an income tax credit amounting to 15 per cent of qualified clinical trial costs incurred, in any county with a population over 700,000, and 20 per cent in any county with a population of 700,000 or less. Establishes criteria to qualify for the tax credit. Caps credit at \$8,000,000 per clinical trial. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/EDT, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 568, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR247)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS. Establishes the electronic prescription task force to develop a plan to implement a mandatory electronic prescription drug program not later than 7/1/11. Requires report to legislature prior to the 2010 legislature. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/CPN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 818, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR153)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires the department of health and the department of human services to post on their respective websites reports of all inspections of care facilities by January 1, 2011. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/HMS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 821, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR152)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO ELDER CARE. Requests the executive office on aging to cooperate with county offices of aging to develop a plan to increase voluntary contributions, procedures for managing waitlists, and policies for implementing a cash and counseling model for service delivery. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/HMS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1094, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR291)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes a pilot program to direct payment of certain state funds to federally qualified health centers to support federally qualified health centers as patient-centered health care homes. Appropriates funds from federal stimulus legislation. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1137, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR331)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Authorizes Hawaii health systems corporation to conduct criminal history record checks. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/JGO, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1140, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR246)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Requires commercial health plans licensed to do business in the State to pay no less than 101 per cent of costs for all services provided to plan beneficiaries by critical access hospitals and federally qualified health centers. Exempts limited benefit health insurance policies from the minimum reimbursement requirement. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/CPN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1205, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR336)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TEMPORARY HEALTH INSURANCE FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS. Provides temporary health insurance for unemployed persons who lost their health insurance. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/CPN, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 1310, SD1</u> (SSCR390) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTHCARE. Establishes the region-specific, medical home health care federal demonstration project for the Waimanalo and Waianae area that provides culturally-sensitive, community-based services, including integrated behavioral services, which are vital to the populations they serve. Makes an appropriation from federal stimulus moneys. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/HMS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1332, SD1</u> (SSCR387) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTHCARE. Establishes licensing requirements for respiratory care practitioners. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH/CPN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1673, SD1</u> (SSCR423) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Authorizes a facility or regional health care system under the Hawaii health systems corporation to transition into a new legal entity; amends the maintenance of services requirements; requires Hawaii health systems corporation to assume liabilities and debts or other obligations accrued beginning on July 1, 1996; requires commercial health plans to provide a minimum reimbursement level; authorizes special negotiating authority for Hawaii health systems corporation with bargaining units; authorizes criminal history record checks. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<u>HMS</u>		
<p><u>SB 186</u> (SSCR13) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO FOSTER CARE SERVICES. Increases the monthly board rate distributed by the department of human services for foster care services for children.</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 423</u> (SSCR131) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Appropriates money to match federal funds for medicaid.</p>	<p>HMS/HTH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 774, SD1</u> (SSCR141) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOLS. Appropriates TANF funds for non-school-hour programs; introduces Hawaii county safe haven demonstration project. (SD1)</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 910</u> (SSCR235) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF HOMELESS PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. Improves the coordination of homeless programs and services within the Department of Human Services by relocating the state homeless programs from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to the Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division.</p>	<p>HMS/EDH, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 1329, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR83)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Authorizes the Governor and the Hawaii Council of Mayors to name designees for their representatives on the early learning council; changes the name of the keiki first steps trust fund to the early learning trust fund and specifies that moneys in the trust fund shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year. (SD1)</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1666, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR4)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES. Details how the legislature will spend TANF funds, emphasizing child care services, work program contracts and related support services, the prevention of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, the purchase of service contracts for child protective services, information system maintenance, and administration costs. Transfers portions of TANF funds to the social services block grant and child care development fund. (SD1)</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p><u>HRE</u></p>		
<p><u>SB 504, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR42)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Makes an appropriation for the establishment of a sustainability internship program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; requires the university to seek alternative funding for the program and report to the 2010 legislature. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1046</u> <u>(SSCR34)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii Quentin Burdick rural health interdisciplinary training program.</p>	<p>HRE/HTH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1665, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR283)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION. Enhances the training capacity of Hawaii's community colleges by establishing a skilled worker and business development center to provide workforce training to meet the rapidly evolving needs of both employers and employees; appropriates Reed Act funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE/LBR, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1674, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR8)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Authorizes the University of Hawaii board of regents to issue revenue bonds to finance the costs of construction or maintenance of capital improvement projects; appropriates moneys from the revenue bond proceeds for fiscal year 2008-09 and fiscal year 2009-10, with unexpended and unencumbered balances to lapse to the general fund on June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2015, respectively. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p><u>EDH</u></p>		
<p><u>SB 165, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR92)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIA WORKERS. Clarifies that public school cafeteria workers employed after July 1, 2009, will be compensated for a school-year period and compensation will be prorated over a calendar-year period; cafeteria workers employed prior to July 1, 2009, will continue to receive compensation over a calendar-year period. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDH/LBR, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 360</u> (SSCR125) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. Requires the department of education to allow children who are home schooled to participate in extracurricular activities at the public school they would otherwise be required to attend.</p>	<p>EDH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 442, SD1</u> (SSCR277) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT. Authorizes the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to grant funds to affordable housing developers to contract for third-party review and certification to expedite the process and issuance of building permits for an affordable housing project that is part of a transit oriented development; appropriates moneys for the grants (part I); establishes a commission on transit oriented development; appropriates funds for the commission (part II). (SD1)</p>	<p>EDH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 746</u> (SSCR169) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes a two-year pilot project within a designated complex area, which authorizes the complex area superintendent to reallocate resources within the schools in the complex area to achieve greater efficiency and cost-effectiveness; exempts the designated complex area from any department-wide budget reductions or restrictions during the 2-year pilot; requires interim and final reports to the legislature.</p>	<p>EDH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 747, SD1</u> (SSCR186) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Addresses workforce development issues within the State through various initiatives, programs, and appropriations; extends the educational workforce working group for two years. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDH/LBR, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1118, SD1</u> (SSCR109) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING. Shortens the period over which low-income housing tax credits can be taken from ten years to five years. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1160, SD1</u> (SSCR164) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY. Authorizes the Hawaii public housing authority to assess all the units in a state public housing project for common area expenses. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1277, SD1</u> (SSCR278) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING. Increases incentives for the development of affordable housing in Hawaii. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDH/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1300</u> (SSCR175) Testimony Status</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS. Appropriates funds for 6 instructor positions for JROTC programs in high schools in the State.</p>	<p>EDH, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 1308, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR76)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Transfers functions and duties of the Hawaii teacher standards board to the board of education. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1669, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR105)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund department of education repair and maintenance projects (part I); provides a temporary exemption from chapters 103 and 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the department of education in order to expedite repair and maintenance capital improvement projects (part II). (SD1)</p>	<p>EDH, WAM</p>
<u>PSM</u>		
<p><u>SB 623</u> <u>(SSCR380)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE. Broadens the scope of the tuition assistance to Hawaii national guard members attending the University of Hawaii and appropriates funds for that purpose.</p>	<p>PSM/HRE, WAM</p>
<u>TSM</u>		
<p><u>SB 271, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR90)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TOURISM EMERGENCY. Adds a national or global economic crisis to situations considered a tourism emergency. Requires, in addition to the governor's declaration of the existence of a tourism emergency, the governor's express approval and direction before action may be taken. (SD1)</p>	<p>TSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1226, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR57)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE TOURISM SPECIAL FUND. Removes the per cent of transient accommodations tax that is deposited into the tourism special fund from 34.2 per cent to a blank per cent. (SD1)</p>	<p>TSM, WAM</p>
<u>TIA</u>		
<p><u>SB 1206</u> <u>(SSCR72)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO COUNTIES. Specifies that in a county with a population of at least 500,000 people, a county board may issue revenue bonds in its own name if so authorized under the county charter.</p>	<p>TIA, WAM</p>

Decision making meeting only, no public testimony will be accepted.

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