

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, April 2, 2009
Conference Room 308; State Capitol

2:00 p.m. AGENDA:

SB 119 (HSCR1250) Status	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM FOREIGN-COUNTRY MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT. Enacts Uniform Foreign Country Money Judgments Recognition Act and in so doing, replaces and updates similar law codified as chapter 658C, HRS. Updates former law by, among other things, allocating burden of proof with respect to application of law, setting out procedure for obtaining recognition of foreign country money judgments, expanding grounds for denying recognition and allocating burden of proof to do so. Establishes statute of limitations.	JUD, FIN
SB 301, SD2 (HSCR1037) Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII REGISTERED AGENTS ACT. Adopts provisions of the Model Registered Agents Act, which streamlines business registration filings for registered agents who accept service of process on behalf of businesses in Hawaii, particularly commercial agents who are in the business of serving as agents.	CPC/JUD, FIN
SB 878, SD1 (HSCR1091) Status	RELATING TO PUBLICATION OF HEARING NOTICES. Saves money by allowing the Public Utilities Commission to provide hearing notices to only the island(s) affected by a public utility proposal for change in utility rates and ratemaking procedures. Hearing notices will continue to be sent to those directly impacted by any proposed changes.	CPC, FIN
SB 880 (HSCR1092) Status	RELATING TO GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS. Repeals the Public Utilities Commission's responsibility for pipeline safety and inspection functions in Hawaii because this has been the responsibility of the Federal Office of Pipeline Safety since 1993.	CPC, FIN
SB 887, SD1, HD1 (HSCR1234) Status	RELATING TO ESCROW DEPOSITORIES. Revises the escrow depository law to: (1) clarify which escrow transactions are covered by the statute and which are not; (2) update the statute to adequately reflect the present day size of the transactions routinely handled by the industry; (3) provide for more flexibility in supervising and regulating the industry; and (4) ensure adequate protection for the consumer. Effective 01/01/2090.	CPC/JUD, FIN

<u>SB 1107, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1186) Status</u>	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Merges the condominium management education fund and the condominium education trust fund.	CPC, FIN
<u>SB 470 (HSCR1233) Status</u>	RELATING TO LIQUOR. Makes various administrative, technical amendments to the liquor license and liquor tax laws.	CPC/JUD, FIN

Decision making to follow.

3:00 p.m. AGENDA:

<u>SB 892, SD1, HD1 (HSCR1235) Status</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Updates references in insurance code and updates continuing education requirements for insurance licensees. Adopts the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Authorization for Criminal History Record Check Model Act to allow fingerprinting of insurance licensees.	CPC/JUD, FIN
<u>SB 1218, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1267) Status</u>	RELATING TO MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS. Allows the commissioner of financial institutions to regulate, license, examine, and enforce laws regulating mortgage loan originators. Exempts mortgage loan originators from chapter 454, HRS, relating to mortgage brokers and solicitors. Effective July 1, 2090.	CPC/JUD, FIN
<u>SB 309 (HSCR1138) Status</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Clarifies that sheriffs' chaplains are entitled to workers' compensation.	PBS/LAB, FIN
<u>SB 1568, SD2 (HSCR1259) Status</u>	RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. Extends unemployment benefits to individuals seeking part-time work and to workers separated from employment for a compelling family reason.	LAB, HUS, FIN
<u>SB 947, SD1 (HSCR1170) Status</u>	RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT CONTRIBUTION RATES. Intended to conform Hawaii's unemployment insurance law to federal law to ensure uniform application to all state unemployment insurance experience rating transfers for employers.	LAB, FIN
<u>SB 62, SD1, HD1 (HSCR988) Status</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Requires independent medical examinations and permanent impairment rating examinations to be performed by physicians mutually agreed upon by employers and employees or appointed by the director of labor and industrial relations.	LAB, FIN

Decision making to follow.

4:30 p.m. AGENDA:

SB 1230, SD2 (HSCR1098) Status	RELATING TO TAXATION. Authorizes a tax on individuals and entities that transfer a stock ownership interest in a legal entity that owns real property located in Hawaii.	CPC, FIN
SB 512, SD2 (HSCR1292) Status	RELATING TO TAXATION. Amends the definition of nameplate capacity for biofuels facilities and revises the allowable tax credit to be equal to 40 cents per gallon of biofuel produced. Requires qualifying facility to be located within the State and utilize locally grown feed stock for at least 75% of its production output.	EEP/AGR, FIN
SB 427 (HSCR1279) Status	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAXATION. 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.	HLT, EBM, FIN
SB 1118, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1184) Status	RELATING TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING. Establishes a program for granting low-income housing tax credit loans in lieu of low-income housing tax credits administered by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Authorizes issuance of GO bonds to fund loans.	HSG, FIN
SB 1137, SD2, HD2 (HSCR1252) Status	RELATING TO HEALTH. Authorizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to conduct criminal history record checks.	HLT, JUD, FIN
SB 44, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1309) Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Requires (1) Hawaii health systems corporation (HHSC) with the Department of Health's assistance to determine the current amount of all community hospital liabilities accrued up to 6/30/1996 that still exist; and (2) HHSC to assume all subsequent liabilities. Clarifies HHSC responsibility for payments into the employees' retirement system funds for its employees. Provides for an annual audit of HHSC.	HLT, FIN

[SB 1673, SD2, HD1 \(HSCR1257\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. HLT, FIN
Transfers the community hospitals of the state government to the department of health from the Hawaii health systems corporation and abolishes the corporation and its regional boards. Provides for the repeal of the transfer provisions and enabling law for the community hospitals on June 30, 2011. Establishes a transition committee to conduct a study to determine a permanent structure for the community hospitals and requires a report before 10/1/2010.

Decision making to follow.

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, April 2, 2009
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 309; State Capitol

AGENDA:

[HCR 152](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 122](#)
[Status](#) REQUESTING THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE ADVISABILITY OF INCLUDING STATE-OPERATED SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE DEFINITION OF "PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION". HED/EDN, JUD

[HCR 230](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 199](#)
[Status](#) ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TO CREATE AN UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF ROBOTICS AND EXPLORATION PROGRAM. HED, FIN

[HCR 175](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 139](#)
[Status](#) REQUESTING HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP TO RECOMMEND A NAME FOR THE WEST HAWAII CAMPUS OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER, WEST HAWAII CAMPUS. HED

Decision making to follow.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Thursday, April 2, 2009

3:45 p.m.

Conference Room 325; State Capitol

AGENDA:

[SB 931, SD1](#) RELATING TO EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATIONS. HLT, JUD
[\(HSCR1253\)](#)
[Status](#) Grants the Department of Health authority to take samples
necessary for epidemiologic investigations. (SD1)

[SB 937](#) RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. HLT, JUD
[\(HSCR1116\)](#)
[Status](#) Clarifies that the provisions of section 704-412, Hawaii Revised
Statutes, govern the timing and standards of decision for
applications for conditional release or discharge from the
custody of the Director of Health and includes a time frame for
decisions on motions for conditional release or discharge.

[SB 932, SD2,](#) RELATING TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE TESTING. HLT, JUD
[HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1303\)](#)
[Status](#) Expands routine HIV testing by health care providers to
improve early diagnosis of HIV. Removes the requirement that
health care providers obtain written informed consent prior to
testing for HIV. Provides for post-testing HIV counseling if
there is a reactive, indeterminate, or confirmed positive result
from an HIV test provided by health care providers.
Authorizes DOH to adopt rules. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB932
HD1)

[SB 281](#) RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE. TRN, JUD
[\(HSCR1109\)](#)
[Status](#) Allows counties to prohibit or regulate electric personal
assistive mobility devices on sidewalks.

[SB 886, SD1,](#) RELATING TO BUSINESS REGISTRATION. CPC, JUD
[HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1187\)](#)
[Status](#) Proposes housekeeping amendments to clarify and streamline
business registration laws. (SB886 SD1 HD1)

Decision making to follow.

Decision making only (heard on Tuesday, March 17, 2009):

[SB 1222, SD1](#) RELATING TO THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF PET ANIMALS. JUD
[\(SSCR590\)](#)
[Status](#) Clarifies animal cruelty law. Prohibits the confinement of a pet
animal in a kennel or cage in cruel or inhumane manner or for
an unreasonable period of time. Prohibits the tethering of a
dog to a stationary object with a chain, or choke, pinch, chain,
or prong collar. Amends the law on animal hoarding. (SD1).

[SB 1241, SD2](#)
[\(HSCR1096\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS. CPC, JUD
Prohibits a deed restriction or covenant that requires a transferee of real property to pay a transfer fee to the person imposing the deed restriction or covenant, in connection with a transfer of real property. (SD2)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Friday, April 3, 2009
10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329; State Capitol

AGENDA:

[HCR 223](#)
[Status](#) REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND WAI' ANAE'S INDEPENDENTLY OPERATED COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. HLT, LMG, FIN

[HCR 97](#)
[Status](#) REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ANALYZE A MEASURE TO REGULATE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS. HLT, CPC, LMG

[HCR 290](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 262](#)
[Status](#) COMMENDING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES FOR ITS RECOMMENDATION TO IMMUNIZE ALL CHILDREN AGES SIX MONTHS THROUGH AGE EIGHTEEN BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009. HLT, FIN

[HR 195](#)
[Status](#) REQUESTING REVIEW OF EXISTING REPORTS AND STUDIES RELATED TO ASPARTAME AND RECISSION OF APPROVAL OF ASPARTAME FOR UNITED STATES MARKETS. HLT, FIN

[HCR 130](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 107](#)
[Status](#) URGING MEDICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE REPRODUCTIVE AND FERTILITY TREATMENTS TO DEVELOP ETHICAL STANDARDS AND PROFESSIONAL GUIDELINES FOR EMBRYO IMPLANTATION. HLT, CPC/JUD

[HCR 121](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 98](#)
[Status](#) URGING ALL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION ON DEMAND TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR RAPE. HLT, JUD

[HCR 93](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 73](#)
[Status](#) REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL FACILITIES REGARDING HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS. HLT

[HCR 120](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 97](#)
[Status](#) URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE HAWAII BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PAID FAMILY LEAVE IN HAWAII. HLT, LAB/EBM

[HCR 201](#)
[Status](#)
[HR 163](#)
[Status](#) URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE CENTER ON AGING AND TO RE-OPEN THE GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS. HLT, FIN
Decision making to follow.

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Friday, April 3, 2009
10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 325; State Capitol

AGENDA:

[SB 638, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR666\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. WLO
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. (SD2)

[SB 382, SD1,](#)
[HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1243\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY. TCI, WLO
Revises appointment process for the Stadium Authority. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB382 HD1)

Decision making to follow.

Decision making only (heard on Monday, March 30, 2009):

[SB 1055, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1151\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO HARBORS. TRN, WLO
Authorizes the Department of Transportation to adopt rules relating to safety measures, security requirements, and shipping activities for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the general public interest and safety of persons and vessels in the commercial harbors belonging to or controlled by the State. (SB1055 HD1)