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COMMITTEE REFERRALS

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Committee Abbreviations:

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| AGR - Agriculture | HSG - Housing |
| CPC - Consumer Protection & Commerce | HUS - Human Services |
| EBM - Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs | JUD - Judiciary |
| EDN - Education | LAB - Labor & Public Employment |
| EEP - Energy & Environmental Protection | LMG - Legislative Management |
| FIN - Finance | PBS - Public Safety |
| HAW - Hawaiian Affairs | TCI - Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs |
| HED - Higher Education | TRN - Transportation |
| HLT - Health | WLO - Water, Land, & Ocean Resources |

| | | <u>Committee REFERRAL</u> |
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| HB2818 | RELATING TO LIQUOR COMMISSIONS. Requires county liquor commissions to adopt or amend rules regarding conduct of patrons and to define the term "dancing." | EBM, CPC/JUD |
| HB2819 | RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURES. Requires the seller of a residential home to disclose to a buyer any violations, inconsistencies, or nonconformities with zoning laws or general plans, as well as the existence or absence of any variances. | HSG, CPC/JUD |
| HB2820 | RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT. Creates the State Comprehensive Employment Training Program (SCET) providing subsidized employment for work with a public purpose. Appropriates funds. | LAB/EBM, FIN |

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| HB2821 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ELEVENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the benefit of the 11th representative district. | FIN |
| HB2822 | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Deletes the twenty-five school limit on the number of conversion charter schools. | EDN, FIN |
| HB2823 | RELATING TO WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF CONTRACTORS PERFORMING SERVICES. Requires that services to be rendered shall be performed by employees paid at wages or salaries not less than the wages paid to public officers and employees for similar work in the State of Hawaii. | LAB, FIN |
| HB2824 | RELATING TO DISTRESSED PROPERTY. Requires distressed property consultants and distressed property purchasers to register with the department of commerce and consumer affairs prior to doing business in the State. Clarifies that attorneys licensed in the State are not distressed property consultants. | CPC/JUD, FIN |
| HB2825 | RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS. Exempts from the county building permit requirement construction of nonresidential agricultural and aquacultural structures on state lands and large privately-owned land parcels leased for agricultural or aquacultural operations. | AGR/WLO, JUD |
| HB2826 | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Eliminates the application fee and license fees for milk producers, producer-distributors, and distributors. | AGR, FIN |
| HB2827 | RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. Requires public accountancy firms to undergo peer review on a periodic basis, following the adoption of rules for peer review and firm permits. | CPC, FIN |
| HB2828 | RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY. Extends the Tax Credit for Research Activities from 2010 to 2011; creates a High Technology Research and Development Task Force to draft legislation to improve the tax credit or establish alternatives to the tax credit. | EBM, FIN |

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| HB2829 | RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires hospitals to disclose infection rates; protects patient privacy rights. | HLT, JUD, FIN |
| HB2830 | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Clarifies certain statutory provisions relating to the education laboratory charter school. | HED/EBM, FIN |
| HB2831 | RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY. Authorizes natural energy laboratory of Hawaii to acquire, hold, and sell qualified securities subject to certain conditions. Authorizes NELHA to accept donations of money and services. | EBM, FIN |
| HB2832 | RELATING TO TARO SECURITY. Directs the department of agriculture to seek funding for projects that increase the cultivation and use of non-GMO Hawaiian taro. Repealed on 06/30/2015. | AGR/WLO, HAW, FIN |
| HB2833 | RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Authorizes the board of land and natural resources to extend a lease of public lands for commercial, hotel, resort, or industrial uses for 55 years upon a development agreement to improve the land. | WLO, FIN |
| HB2834 | RELATING TO CONTRACTORS LICENSES. Clarifies that a specialty contractor may execute a contract involving the use of two or more crafts or trades if the performance of the craft or trade other than that in which the contractor holds a specialty license constitutes less than one-half of one per cent of the total monetary value of the project. | CPC, FIN |
| HB2835 | RELATING TO THE BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES. Requires registrar to provide adjoining landowner, upon request, any information of record relating to the management, control, and title of any public highway, waterway, or water course. | WLO, FIN |
| HB2836 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the benefit of the 28th representative district. | FIN |

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| HB2837 | RELATING TO TARO. Directs the task force to determine sources of funding for projects that will encourage taro cultivation. Extends the final report deadline for the taro security and purity task force by 2 years. | AGR, HAW, FIN |
| HB2838 | RELATING TO DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR CHEMICALLY DEPENDANT NURSES. Amends requirements for diversion programs for chemically dependent nurses to allow the board of nursing to recognize alternative program sponsors. Clarifies disciplinary and reporting requirements. | HLT, CPC |
| HB2839 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EIGHTEENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the benefit of the 18th representative district. | FIN |
| HB2840 | RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Fills gaps in the historic review process for proposed projects on undeveloped private lands by requiring a landowner or developer to obtain the written concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Division and conduct a public meeting for any draft mitigation plans prior to obtaining a permit or other approval. Requires publication of "no historic properties affected" comments. | WLO, FIN |
| HB2841 | RELATING TO ETHICS. Requires lobbyists and their clients to make monthly disclosures during any month the legislature is in session, and a report for June 1 through December 31. Adds required disclosures regarding lobbying events, contractual relationships with legislators, and campaign contributions. Requires the governor, lieutenant governor, and legislators to file their financial disclosures within 30 days of the beginning of the legislative session. Requires certain state employees to disclose contractual relationships with lobbyists and their clients. Prohibits public funds from being used to hire lobbyists and to purchase gifts for state employees. | JUD, FIN |
| HB2842 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Creates a tax credit for employers who fund continuing education for certain employees to improve their existing skills; limits the amount of employer contributions paid under the employment security laws for the 2010 and 2011 calendar years even if the employer hires a certain number of additional employees. | LAB/EBM, FIN |

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| HB2843 | RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Transfers the powers and responsibilities of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) to the High Technology Development Corporation; makes the HSDC board an advisory committee on issues pertaining to HSDC functions. | EBM, FIN |
| HB2844 | RELATING TO THE FILM INDUSTRY. Creates a film industry branch special fund with revenues from a general exercise tax surcharge on motion picture theaters and television broadcasting stations and fees charged by the department of business, economic development, and tourism for its film industry activities. | EBM, FIN |
| HB2845 | RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. Exempts the fee simple resale of individual dwelling units acquired by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation pursuant to foreclosure or a buyback provision from legislative approval requirements. | WLO/HSG, FIN |
| HB2846 | RELATING TO KAKAAKO. Increases the reserved housing requirement for a major development on a lot of at least 1 acre in the Kakaako community development district, mauka area. Requires the Hawaii community development authority to adopt or amend rules. | WLO/HSG |
| HB2847 | RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS. Amends the term "medical marijuana" to "medical cannabis"; transfers the administration of the program from the department of public safety to the department of health. Establishes procedure for employment-related marijuana drug testing and review of results by medical review officer. Directs the department of health to establish a system of distribution outlets. Directs the counties to establish a system to license, tax, and regulate medical cannabis family farms. Directs the department of health, in consultation with the University of Hawaii, to establish a system to license research and development for medical cannabis related products. Allows out-of-state visitors who are qualifying patients or primary caregivers to apply for a temporary registration certificate. Permits transport of medical marijuana if certain conditions are met. | PBS/HLT/AGR, JUD, FIN |

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| HB2848 | RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION ENERGY INITIATIVES. Changes "electric vehicle" reference to "G-vehicles or "green vehicles" in laws requiring facilities to designate parking spaces for green vehicles, and establishing penalties for misuse of green vehicle parking. | EEP/TRN, FIN |
| HB2849 | RELATING TO KAKAAKO. Imposes reserved housing requirement for residential and commercial planned development permit projects greater than 45 feet in height or containing a floor area ratio greater than 1 1/2 on a lot 20,000 square feet or greater in size in the Kakaako community development district, mauka area. | WLO/HSG |
| HB2850 | RELATING TO THE LIQUOR TAX. Temporarily increases the liquor tax rates during the period of 7/1/10 to 6/30/15. | FIN |
| HB2851 | RELATING TO INSURANCE. Increases the insurance premium tax rates. Repeals the ceiling on insurance premium taxes payable by a captive insurance company. Takes effect on 7/1/10 and sunsets on 06/30/15. | FIN |
| HB2852 | RELATING TO THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX. Temporarily makes the insurance premium tax applicable to mutual benefit societies and health maintenance organizations. Establishes a medical and health promotion tax credit. Authorizes the insurance commissioner to adjust any inadequate rates for the managed care plans of mutual benefit societies and health maintenance organizations. | FIN |
| HB2853 | RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TAX. Increases the public service company tax rate applicable to public utilities. Takes effect on 07/01/10, and sunsets on 06/30/15. | FIN |

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- [HB2854](#) RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH LAB, FIN
BENEFITS TRUST FUND.
Makes public employer contributions to the employer-union health benefits trust fund non-negotiable under collective bargaining. Establishes a single flat dollar amount as the public employer's contribution the health benefit plan or plans of each public employee. Repeals group life insurance benefits. Makes various other amendments, including: (1) requiring one of the employer trustees to represent the county employers; (2) allowing a trustee to hold over after the end of the trustee's term until the earlier of: the date the trustee's successor is appointed or the 180th day following the end of the trustee's term; (3) reducing some of the administrative authority of the director of finance over the trust fund; and (4) adding certain duties for the board. Takes effect on 7/1/2011.
- [HB2855](#) RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. LAB, FIN
Requires the board of trustees of the employees' retirement system to study and recommend a plan to fully amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the system over a 30-year period.
- [HB2856](#) RELATING TO NEW PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. LAB, FIN
Requires the board of trustees of the employees' retirement system to study and recommend a defined contribution plan for new public employees. Prohibits new employees from becoming eligible for membership in or benefits under existing defined benefit plan if legislation to establish defined contribution plan not enacted.
- [HB2857](#) RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. LAB, FIN
Divides pertinent public employees' collective bargaining units into separate state and county units. Removes, for certain collective bargaining units, the provision for mandatory arbitration to resolve an impasse over negotiations. Requires an arbitration panel or arbitrator to select one party's final position in its entirety as the final agreement. Requires a public employer and collective bargaining unit to agree to a single dollar amount as the health benefits plan contribution for every employee in the unit. Repeals group life insurance benefit provisions.
- [HB2858](#) RELATING TO FURLOUGHS. LAB, JUD, FIN
Specifies that a "furlough" relates to an employee's wages and hours of employment and constitutes a term or condition of employment that is subject to collective bargaining.

[HB2859](#) RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH LAB, FIN
BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

Requires the board of trustees of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund to design and offer a health benefits plan for active state employees and their dependent-beneficiaries that does not exceed a specified maximum contribution by the State.

[HB2860](#) RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH LAB, FIN
BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

Requires, from 7/1/2011 until 6/30/2015, the employer-union health benefits trust fund to provide to active state employees and their dependent-beneficiaries the minimum health benefits plan required under the Hawaii prepaid health care act. Does not affect active county or retired state and county employees and their dependent-beneficiaries.

[HB2861](#) RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH LAB, FIN
BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

Requires excess reserves and investment and other earnings of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund to be used to defray the employers' contribution towards the health benefits plan costs of retirees. Allows a portion of the earnings to be used for administrative and other expenses of the fund. Takes effect on 07/01/10 and sunsets on 06/30/15.

[HB2862](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH LAB, FIN
BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

Makes various amendments to the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund law: (1) establishes a tiered system of employer contributions for the medicare part B premiums of new employees who first enter service after 06/30/2010 and subsequently retire, based on their years of service before retirement; (2) when a retired employee is married to an active employee, renders the retired employee ineligible to enroll in a health benefits plan that provides coverage for the active employee; (3) when a retired employee is privately employed and eligible for prepaid health care coverage, renders the retired employee ineligible to enroll in a two-party or family plan that covers the spouse unless the spouse also is enrolled in the prepaid health care plan; (4) requires the board to periodically evaluate the health benefits plan for retired employees to determine compliance with the requirements that the plan not duplicate medicare benefits and be secondary to medicare; (5) provides that the employers' contribution for the medicare part B premium shall be based on the least costly medicare part B premium rate and made only for a retired employee; (6) provides medicare part B contributions to a retired employee's spouse only if the employee retired before 01/01/2011; (7) requires a retired employee to enroll in both medicare part B and a medical benefits plan of the fund as a condition for receiving reimbursements for medicare part B premiums; (8) requires a retired employee's spouse who is eligible to enroll in the medicare part B medical insurance plan to enroll in that plan as a condition for participating in a health benefits plan of the fund; and (9) requires the annual adjustment of the base monthly contribution for retired employees to be based on the least costly medicare part B premium rate.

[HB2863](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH LAB, FIN
BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

Prohibits the State from making contributions for group life insurance benefits for state employees under the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund. Takes effect on 7/1/2010 and sunsets on 6/30/2015.

[HB2864](#)

RELATING TO THE HEALTH FUND.

LAB, FIN

Establishes a formula for the reimbursement of the state general fund from non-general funds for health fund contributions for retired state employees.

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| HB2865 | RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. Temporarily prohibits the office of Hawaiian affairs from expending or requesting appropriations of general funds. Takes effect on 7/1/2010 and sunsets on 6/30/2015. | HAW, FIN |
| HB2866 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Adjusts income tax rates for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2009 and ending before January 1, 2016. | FIN |
| HB2867 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Repeals various income tax credits and deductions. Takes effect upon approval and sunsets on 12/31/2015. | FIN |
| HB2868 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Places a cap on itemized deductions claimed on state income tax returns. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/09 and sunsets on 12/31/15. | FIN |
| HB2869 | RELATING TO TAX DEDUCTIONS. Adopts the federal tax deduction limitation with modifications. | FIN |
| HB2870 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Removes the refunding feature of the capital goods excise tax credit from 01/01/10 to 12/31/15. | FIN |
| HB2871 | RELATING TO A SURTAX. Imposes for taxable years beginning after 12/31/2009 and ending on 12/31/2011, an income surtax on a state employee whose regular wages were paid with non-general funds and not reduced because of furlough, collective bargaining agreement, or general law. Sets the surtax at 4% of the state employee's regular wages that were paid from non-general funds. | LAB, FIN |
| HB2872 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Increases the tax rate for banks and other financial corporations. Repeals requirement that \$2,000,000 of tax revenues from banks and other financial corporations be deposited into the compliance resolution fund. Authorizes the commissioner of financial institutions to expedite the imposition of fees on banks and other financial corporations. Takes effect on 07/01/10 and sunsets on 12/31/15. Applies change to entire net income received for calendar year preceding 1/1/11 or fiscal year in which 1/1/11 occurs. | FIN |

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| HB2873 | RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. Suspends for 5 years from 07/01/2010 to 06/30/2015 the distribution of transient accommodations tax revenues to the counties. | FIN |
| HB2874 | RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. Temporarily increases from 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2015 the transient accommodations tax rate on time share units. | FIN |
| HB2875 | RELATING TO THE HAWAII HURRICANE RESERVE TRUST FUND. Authorizes the loan of moneys from the Hawaii hurricane reserve trust fund to the general fund. Prohibits transfers from the trust fund to the loss mitigation grant fund. Takes effect upon approval and sunsets on 06/30/15. | FIN |
| HB2876 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Temporarily increases the general excise and use tax rates from 4% to 5%, the capital goods excise tax credit rate from 4% to 5%, and the refundable food/excise tax credit by \$10 per exemption. Takes effect on 07/01/2010 and is repealed on 06/30/2015. | FIN |
| HB2877 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Suspends temporarily the exemption for certain persons and certain amounts of gross income or proceeds from the general excise tax and requires the payment of the tax at a one-half per cent rate. Takes effect on 10/01/10 and sunsets on 06/30/15. | FIN |
| HB2878 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Repeals certain exemptions under the general excise, use, and public service company taxes. The Act takes effect on July 1, 2010 and sunsets on June 30, 2015. | FIN |
| HB2879 | RELATING TO STATE FUNDS. Imposes a general excise tax surcharge upon gross income or gross proceeds comprised of state non-general funds. Imposes a public service company tax surcharge upon gross income comprised of state non-general funds. Imposes an insurance premium tax surcharge upon gross premiums, gross underwriting profits, and risk premiums comprised of state non-general funds. Takes effect on 7/1/2010 and sunsets on 6/30/2015. | FIN |

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| HB2880 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Increases the "wholesale" rates under the general excise, use, and public service company taxes to one per cent from one-half per cent. Effective 7/1/10; repealed 6/30/15. | FIN |
| HB2881 | RELATING TO INSURANCE TAXATION. Increases the general excise tax rate on insurance commissions to 4% from 0.15%. Amends the insurance code to specify that the premium for an insurance policy may include an amount intended to compensate an insurance producer for part of the general excise tax imposed on the producer's commission. Takes effect on 07/01/2010 and sunsets on 06/30/2015. | FIN |
| HB2882 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Imposes the general excise tax at a 4% rate on the gross income from the sale of securities. Repeals the general excise tax exemption for stock or future exchanges. Takes effect on 10/01/10 and sunsets on 06/30/15, except that the repeal of the exchange exemption shall be permanent. | FIN |
| HB2883 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Imposes the general excise tax at the rate of 1.0% on the gross proceeds from the sale of real property less deductions for real estate salespersons' commissions and conveyance tax payments. Takes effect on 07/01/10 and sunsets on 06/30/15. | FIN |
| HB2884 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Imposes the general excise tax at the rate of 4% on the death benefits and other gross income derived by a provider of a life settlement contract. Takes effect on 07/01/10 and sunsets on 06/30/15. | FIN |
| HB2885 | RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX. Temporarily suspends the distribution of a portion of the conveyance tax to the land conservation fund and rental housing trust fund. Reduces distribution to the natural area reserve fund. | FIN |
| HB2886 | RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION. Temporarily requires from 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2015, the deposit of one-half of the cable television annual fee into the general fund. | FIN |

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| HB2887 | RELATING TO TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEYS. Transfers temporarily to the general fund the portion of moneys from the Hawaii tobacco settlement special fund designated for the Hawaii tobacco prevention and control trust fund. Requires interest and earnings of the Hawaii tobacco settlement special fund to be deposited into the general fund. Reduces the portion of moneys from the Hawaii tobacco settlement special fund to be transferred to the tobacco enforcement special fund. Encourages the nonprofit entity responsible for the Hawaii tobacco prevention and control trust fund to increase its annual expenditures to assist in revitalizing the economy. Takes effect on 07/01/2010, and sunsets on 06/30/2015. | FIN |
| HB2888 | RELATING TO STATE FEES. From 7/1/10 to 6/30/15 adds a \$10 surcharge to the fee charged by a state agency for certain services. Requires the surcharge to be deposited into the general fund. | FIN |
| HB2889 | RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND. Authorizes the legislature to make a loan from the emergency and budget reserve fund to the general fund by legislative act approved by a majority of each house. Requires the legislative act to identify the source of the general funds to repay the loan. | FIN |
| HB2890 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Imposes the income tax on a lessor of real property for capital improvements made by a lessee upon the termination of a lease. | FIN |
| HB2891 | RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' VACATION. Requires a public employee who retires or terminates from state service between 07/01/2010 and 06/30/2015 to receive additional retirement service credit, instead of cash payment, for unused vacation leave. Takes effect on 07/01/2010, with some provisions sunseting on 06/30/2015 and one provision sunseting on 06/30/2017. | LAB, FIN |
| HB2892 | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Sets, for fiscal year 2010-2011 only, the employers' contribution at (1) 10.7% for police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers plus regular interest on the unfunded accrued liability for this group and (2) 6% for other employees plus regular interest on the unfunded accrued liability for this group. | LAB, FIN |

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| HB2893 | <p>RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEES. Provides that, under the employees' retirement system, a state employee's "compensation" does not include overtime payments, differentials, supplementary payments, bonuses, and lump sum salary supplements. States expressly that the provision does not apply to a county employee.</p> | LAB, FIN |
| HB2894 | <p>RELATING TO FRINGE BENEFIT CONTRIBUTIONS. Requires state contributions to the employees' retirement system to be paid from the general fund on a quarterly basis. Sets the deadline for the payment as the end of the fiscal quarter following the quarter for which the contributions are to be paid. Requires departments and agencies whose employees are paid from state non-general funds to reimburse the state general fund for advance contributions. Requires the departments and agencies to pay monthly interest at 0.25% on the reimbursements. Takes effect on 07/01/2010 and is repealed on 06/30/2015.</p> | LAB, FIN |
| HB2895 | <p>RELATING TO FORECLOSURE. Allows a homeowner to force a court supervised foreclosure if a non-judicial foreclosure is successfully appealed due to an unfair sales price.</p> | HSG, JUD |
| HB2896 | <p>RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvements projects to benefit the 5th representative district.</p> | FIN |
| HB2897 | <p>RELATING TO CONTRACTORS. Subjects a contractor to revocation or suspension of license for knowingly or intentionally employing a person who is not eligible to work in the United States under federal law to perform work on any project or operation.</p> | LAB, CPC, JUD |
| HB2898 | <p>RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY. Requires all operators and passengers of motorcycles and motor scooters to wear safety helmets.</p> | TRN, JUD |
| HB2899 | <p>RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION SITES. Establishes a construction site inspection task force to be led by the department of commerce and consumer affairs to investigate and inspect construction sites for unlicensed contractors, illegal workers, and workplace safety violations.</p> | CPC, FIN |

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| HB2900 | <p>RELATING TO SHARK TOURS. Prohibits the use of state boating facilities and state parks for shark tours. Prohibits the use or transportation of diving cages used for placing humans in close proximity with sharks. Authorizes the issuance of permits for educational, scientific, or propagation purposes. Exempts shark tours operating on the north shore of Oahu prior to July 1, 2010.</p> | WLO, JUD |
| HB2901 | <p>RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Establishes special procedures for requests for competitive sealed proposals for design-build projects.</p> | EBM, FIN |
| HB2902 | <p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION GOVERNMENT TELEVISION. Short form bill relating to public education government television.</p> | LMG |
| HB2903 | <p>RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY. Authorizes solar energy facilities in agricultural districts with productivity rating classes of B or C, in addition to previously authorized lands with productivity rating classes of D or E. For lands with productivity rating classes of B or C, requires that the solar energy facilities use renewable energy sources to support the agricultural operations.</p> | WLO/EEP, AGR |
| HB2904 | <p>RELATING TO COUNTY GENERAL PLANS. Prohibits the use of county general and development plans from serving as, or replacing the county regulatory powers.</p> | WLO, JUD |
| HB2905 | <p>RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Prohibits use by minors of false identification to purchase liquor. Establishes fines and other penalties. Designates 50% of revenues from fines to county programs for underage drinking awareness and prevention. Authorizes the issuance of citations as an alternative to arrest for violations associated with intoxicating liquor.</p> | CPC, JUD |
| HB2906 | <p>RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING. Authorizes social workers, marriage and family therapists, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants to engage in psychological testing, provided that they hold at least master's degrees. Defines "psychological testing".</p> | HLT, CPC |
| HB2907 | <p>RELATING TO THE STATE PARK SYSTEM. Prohibits the use of ATV's within the state park system without the use of a safety helmet. Prohibits minors from operating ATV's within the state park system.</p> | WLO, JUD |

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| <u>HB2908</u> | RELATING TO IMPEACHMENT. Establishes causes and procedures for impeachment of the governor, lieutenant governor, and appointive officers. | LMG, JUD, FIN |
| <u>HB2909</u> | RELATING TO DANGEROUS WEAPONS. Prohibits any person from setting off, igniting, discharging, or otherwise causing to explode any homemade explosive device. Establishes a violation as a Class C felony. | PBS, JUD |
| <u>HB2910</u> | RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Authorizes no more than 100 students at charter schools in the Waianae district to concurrently enroll in the education laboratory charter school. Authorizes both the Waianae charter school and the education laboratory charter school to receive per pupil funding for dually enrolled students. | EDN, FIN |
| <u>HB2911</u> | RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS. Authorizes issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for the upgrade of the electrical system at Makalapa Manor Apartments. | EEP, FIN |
| <u>HB2912</u> | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Authorizes the department of human services to seek a waiver from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to enact a pilot program called "Healthy Choices" to focus on the prevention of chronic diseases. | HUS/HLT, FIN |
| <u>HB2913</u> | RELATING TO TAXATION. Imposes an agricultural rent windfall income tax surcharge on lessors who charge excessive rent for agricultural land. | AGR, FIN |
| <u>HB2914</u> | RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY. Mandates conditions applicable to certain commercial and industrial leases. | EBM, JUD |
| <u>HB2915</u> | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SIXTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the benefit of the 6th representative district. | FIN |
| <u>HB2916</u> | RELATING TO COFFEE. Changes the labeling requirements for Hawaii-grown coffee and coffee blends. Prohibits the use of geographic origin on a label except for the identity statement and registered trademark. | EBM/AGR, CPC |

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| HB2917 | RELATING TO NUISANCES. Requires Department of Health to order suspension of operation causing foul or noxious odor, gas, or vapor until examination determines not dangerous or injurious to health. | HLT, FIN |
| HB2918 | RELATING TO KAKAAKO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. Enables the Hawaii Community Development Authority to enter into development agreements. | WLO, JUD, FIN |
| HB2919 | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Amends the definition of "sewer worker" for purposes of the Employees' Retirement System to include sewer maintenance working supervisors, wastewater collection system inspection supervisors, wastewater collection system district supervisors, and wastewater collection system field services supervisors. | LAB, FIN |
| HB2920 | RELATING TO LAND COURT. Abolishes the land court and transfers all powers, functions, duties, officers, and employees to the bureau of conveyances. | WLO, JUD, FIN |
| HB2921 | RELATING TO LICENSING. Revises minimum requirements for licensing electricians and plumbers. | HED, CPC |
| HB2922 | RELATING TO SOLID WASTE. Prohibits the incineration or disposal of fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs in landfills and waste-to-energy facilities in the State. | EEP, JUD |
| HB2923 | RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Authorizes the board of land and natural resources and the department of Hawaiian home lands to extend leases of public lands and Hawaiian home lands, respectively, for commercial or industrial uses for 65 years upon a development agreement to improve the leased land. | WLO/TCI, FIN |
| HB2924 | RELATING TO SCHOOL TEACHERS. Requires mediation and binding arbitration for an impasse in collective bargaining between a public employer and bargaining unit 5 teachers and other personnel of the department of education. | EDN/LAB, FIN |

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| HB2925 | RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT. Increases the threshold amount for special management area minor permits and special management area use permits. Amends the definition of "development" to exclude the consolidation and resubdivision of a parcel of land under certain circumstances. | WLO |
| HB2926 | RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY. Authorizes solar energy facilities on class B and C agricultural land; requires the solar energy facility on class B and C land to provide for the energy requirements via a renewable energy source for the agricultural operations on the land on which the solar energy facility is established. | WLO/EEP, AGR |
| HB2927 | RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. Authorizes the department of Hawaiian home lands and the board of land and natural resources to transfer title in fee simple to lessees of homestead lands. | HAW, WLO/HSG, FIN |
| HB2928 | RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Prohibits a corporation from contributing more than \$1,000 to the corporation's noncandidate committee in any two-year election period. Requires all corporations that accept contributions or make expenditures for a campaign to form a noncandidate committee. | JUD |
| HB2929 | RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE. Adds conduct contrary to principles of medical ethics of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association as grounds for revocation or suspension of a license to practice veterinary medicine. | CPC, JUD |
| HB2930 | RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES. Provides that veterans of operation enduring freedom or operation Iraqi freedom may apply for special number plates. | EBM, TRN, FIN |
| HB2931 | RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES. Provides that applicants for special number plates for military service may pay an optional fundraising fee for a military service veterans group. Makes appropriation to counties as State's share of cost of mandated program. | EBM, TRN, FIN |
| HB2932 | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Mandates provision of written notice and release from sex education classes for pupils. | EDN |

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| HB2933 | RELATING TO THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION. Adds 2 members to the Oahu metropolitan planning organization policy committee – chairperson of the citizen advisory group and chairperson of the technical advisory group. | TRN, FIN |
| HB2934 | RELATING TO USED MOTOR VEHICLE SALES. Requires a used motor vehicle dealer to refund the purchase of a used motor vehicle that sustains a mechanical breakdown within 72 hours of the purchase. | CPC, JUD |
| HB2935 | RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. Makes it an unlawful practice for any employer or labor organization to bar or discharge from employment, withhold pay from, or demote an employee because the employee uses accrued and available sick leave. | LAB, JUD, FIN |
| HB2936 | MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS. Appropriates moneys to fund collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit (10) relating to the employer contributions to the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund. | LAB, FIN |
| HB2937 | RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. Includes benefits in collective bargaining. | LAB, FIN |
| HB2938 | RELATING TO WORKPLACE SAFETY. Expands ability of employer to protect employees and prohibit the use of medical marijuana in the workplace. | LAB, JUD |
| HB2939 | RELATING TO THE LONG TERM CARE COMMISSION. Requires the long term care commission to review the feasibility of establishing a long term care fund to assist residents who would otherwise not qualify for any government or private long term care insurance program. Finances the fund by imposing or increasing the general excise tax on food and drugs commencing 1/1/12. Requires conclusions and recommendations of the review to be included in the commission's final report to the legislature on 9/30/10. | HLT, CPC, FIN |
| HB2940 | RELATING TO WORKPLACE SAFETY. Establishes a mechanism for employers to obtain temporary restraining orders to protect against harassment, including violence or threatened violence, at the worksite. | EBM/LAB, JUD |

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| HB2941 | RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS. Allows designation of important agricultural lands by the legislature by law. | AGR/WLO, FIN |
| HB2942 | RELATING TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT. Provides tax incentives and expedited permitting for private development within designated urban cores. | WLO, FIN |
| HB2943 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FORTY-NINTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvements projects to benefit the 49th representative district. | FIN |
| HB2944 | RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Amends the State Private Investment Fund by among other things authorizing the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation to hire a discretionary investment manager; limiting the guarantee of loans, lines of credit, and equity capital to the tax credit limit; removing the annual legislative authorization requirement; and requiring board members to have knowledge or experience in venture or seed capital, or investment funds. | EBM, FIN |
| HB2945 | RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Directs the state private investment fund's investment capital to venture capital funds that commit to equity investments in businesses located within the State and demonstrate an ability to mentor entrepreneurs. Also authorizes an unspecified amount in tax credits to be used by the fund as collateral. | EBM, FIN |
| HB2946 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects to benefit the 1st representative district. | FIN |
| HB2947 | RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CODE. Requires competitive bidding on small purchases of construction contracts for drilling and soil testing. | EBM, FIN |
| HB2948 | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes restrictions on the interisland movement of certain agricultural and nonagricultural articles; amends requirements related to the notification of arrival, labeling, authority to inspect, and importation of certain agricultural and nonagricultural articles; establishes a misdemeanor offense and increases the fine applicable to violators. | AGR, FIN |

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| HB2949 | RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes fines for failing to pay, collect, or remit the inspection, quarantine, and eradication fee. Exempts liquid, cement, coal, and aggregate bulk freight from the fee. | AGR, JUD |
| HB2950 | RELATING TO ELECTRICIANS. Reduces the minimum experience requirements to obtain licenses for certain types of electricians, and specifies the types of electricians a journey worker specialty electrician must train under. | LAB, CPC |
| HB2951 | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Allows the principal of each public school to establish and use a debit card system based at the individual school level for the purpose of purchasing school supplies and other related curriculum support supplies. | EDN, FIN |
| HB2952 | RELATING TO MOPEDS. Convenes a task force to explore the feasibility of treating mopeds like motorcycles in certain instances. | TRN, FIN |
| HB2953 | RELATING TO FIREWORKS. Increases penalties for violations of state fireworks law. Establishes fireworks hotline program. | TCI/PBS, JUD, FIN |
| HB2954 | RELATING TO LOBBYISTS. Requires that lobbyists file contribution disclosure statements annually. Requires the statements to include all contributions, regardless of intent, given to any public officer, employee, or candidate to elected office of the State who is subject to chapter 84. | JUD |
| HB2955 | RELATING TO LOBBYISTS. Requires lobbyists to report campaign contributions for candidates in their statements of expenditures. | JUD |
| HB2956 | RELATING TO ACUPUNCTURE PRACTITIONERS. Establishes requirements for acupuncturists to use the "doctor of acupuncture" title. Establishes procedure for review of doctoral education credentials of acupuncturist completing education at a foreign institution. | HLT, CPC |
| HB2957 | RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. Requires each agency to provide an annual report on the fuel efficiency of its motor vehicle fleet to DAGS. Requires DAGS to compile the reports and submit them to the legislature. | EEP, FIN |

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| HB2958 | RELATING TO MARICULTURE. Suspends the expansion of any new commercial finfish mariculture operations. Authorizes existing commercial finfish mariculture operations to continue. | WLO, EBM |
| HB2959 | RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Requires any candidate for state or county office to have resided within the district of the office sought for at least 6 months prior to the availability of nomination papers. | JUD |
| HB2960 | RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Provides an exemption for projects that protect, preserve, and enhance the environment, land, or natural resources, under certain conditions. Requires the environmental council to make a determination of whether the exemption should be applicable after a public hearing. | EEP/WLO, JUD |
| HB2961 | RELATING TO THE ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Abolishes Aloha Tower development corporation. Transfers the ATDC to the Hawaii community development authority. Transfers harbors modernization group to the department of transportation. Places commercial harbors modernization plan under the harbors modernization group. Provides for appointment of new harbors modernization group and an executive director and staff. Makes appropriation. | TRN, WLO, FIN |
| HB2962 | RELATING TO TAXATION. Temporarily defers deductions against a taxpayer's net income tax liability for claims under the Technology Infrastructure Renovation Tax Credit and High Technology Business Investment Tax Credit between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2013. | EBM, FIN |
| HB2963 | MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FROM THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND FOR EDUCATION. Makes an emergency appropriation of \$50,000,000 from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the General Fund. | FIN |
| HB2964 | RELATING TO SALARIES. Increases the salary reduction for legislators from 5% to 8.07% for the second half of the 2009-2010 fiscal biennium. | LAB, FIN |

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| HB2965 | RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE. Requires that the financial disclosure statements of the executive director of the division of consumer advocacy of the department of commerce and consumer affairs; the commissioners of the public utilities commission; and the members of the board of land and natural resources be deemed public records and available for inspection and duplication. | JUD |
| HB2966 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects to benefit the 25th representative district. | FIN |
| HB2967 | RELATING TO SALARIES. Reduces the salaries of legislators by an additional 30 percent beginning July 1, 2010, until June 30, 2011. | LAB, FIN |
| HB2968 | RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Prohibits persons other than individuals from making contributions directly to candidates or noncandidate committees, except through noncandidate committees. Requires individuals who make contributions or expenditures in an aggregate amount of \$1,000 or more during an election period to register as a noncandidate committee. Prohibits persons other than an individual from using treasury funds to make more than \$1,000 in contributions or expenditures to a noncandidate committee of a person other than an individual that may contribute to a candidate. Exempts from the prohibition persons other than individuals when noncandidate committees are formed for the sole purpose of making independent expenditures. | JUD |
| HB2969 | RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. Narrows the reasons why a board may hold a meeting closed to the public with the board's attorney; clarifies that an agency shall not appeal an office of information practices' decision to disclose to circuit court. | JUD |
| HB2970 | RELATING TO HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY. Requires Hawaii tourism authority to be the cultural repository for collecting information and data on Hawaiian cultural programs statewide. | TCI, FIN |

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| HB2971 | <p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY SITING PROCESS.</p> <p>Requires the energy resources coordinate to include representatives from the island where a renewable energy facility is proposed to be included in determining terms and conditions of permit plan. Adds community benefits agreements as subject to determination by government agencies, applicant, and residents.</p> | EEP, FIN |
| HB2972 | <p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Allows a tax credit for donations of products or services to reduce the amount of state funds expended on operating costs of public schools being considered for closure. Requires the department of education to determine what donations are acceptable.</p> | EDN, FIN |
| HB2973 | <p>RELATING TO TARO LANDS.</p> <p>Requires the department of land and natural resources and the department of agriculture to work with the taro security and purity task force to identify taro lands, adjust lease rents, and modify lease qualification criteria.</p> | AGR/WLO, FIN |
| HB2974 | <p>RELATING TO SCHOOLS.</p> <p>Provides that a school's inability to obtain adequate funding under the weighted student formula shall not be a factor in determining whether the school should be closed for the purpose of consolidation. Prohibits the closure of Maunaloa elementary school.</p> | EDN, FIN |
| HB2975 | <p>RELATING TO KALAUPAPA.</p> <p>Transfers ownership and management of Kalawao county from DOH and DLNR to DHHL when there is no longer any person receiving care for Hansen's disease living in Kalaupapa; authorizes DHHL to accept the transfer, provided DHHL transfers that land to the native Hawaiian sovereign entity upon recognition; prohibits Maui county from zoning authority in Kalawao county.</p> | HAW/HLT, WLO, FIN |
| HB2976 | <p>RELATING TO THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.</p> <p>Provides an unspecified date to extend the sunset of the interdepartmental council on early childhood education.</p> | HUS, EDN, FIN |
| HB2977 | <p>RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT.</p> <p>Makes a technical amendment to the child protective act relating to the jurisdiction of the court in a child protective proceeding.</p> | JUD |

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| HB2978 | RELATING TO CARE HOMES. Creates a uniform set of regulations concerning home and community-based residential care homes. Repeals current provisions relating to adult residential care homes, expanded adult residential care homes, and community care foster family homes. | HUS/HLT, FIN |
| HB2979 | RELATING TO POWERS OF ATTORNEY. Requires that a power of attorney be witnessed by two witnesses who are not related to the attorney in fact, and acknowledged by a notary public. | JUD |
| HB2980 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FIFTY-FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the benefit of the 51st representative district. | FIN |
| HB2981 | RELATING TO SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. Requires department of human services to examine and evaluate the veracity, extent, and effect of certain allegations of shortcomings of programs for adults with special needs and report to the legislature. Effective upon approval. | HUS, FIN |
| HB2982 | RELATING TO WARRANTS ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES. Amends the duties of the executive director of the office of youth services. | HUS, JUD, FIN |
| HB2983 | RELATING TO PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION. Makes a technical amendment to law on psychotropic medication. | HUS/HLT, FIN |
| HB2984 | RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. Extends the tax credit for research activities for 1 year. | EBM, FIN |
| HB2985 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEVENTEENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Capital improvement projects for 17th representative district. | FIN |
| HB2986 | RELATING TO CRIME. Increases penalties for graffiti. Establishes graffiti database special fund and graffiti abatement crews. Provides immunity for graffiti abatement crews when entering private property to eliminate graffiti. | JUD, FIN |

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| HB2987 | RELATING TO FIREWORKS. Bans the use of consumer fireworks on the fourth of July. Defines the term "civic or community organization" and refines the term "cultural" to include civic and community organizations. | TCI/PBS, JUD |
| HB2988 | RELATING TO BUSINESS. Establishes and funds the Office of Entrepreneurship and Job Creation and the position of small business czar at the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. | EBM/LAB, JUD, FIN |
| HB2989 | RELATING TO BOATING. Creates a licensing program for boat ownership and operation within the department of land and natural resources. | WLO, JUD, FIN |
| HB2990 | RELATING TO MEDICAID. Recodifies current Hawaii Medicaid statutes under a new Medicaid Chapter. | HUS/HLT, JUD, FIN |
| HB2991 | RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE. Creates higher income tax brackets and rates for high-income individual taxpayers. Eliminates certain corporate tax exemptions. Provides for taxation of capital gains as ordinary income. Creates commission to provide a more equitable and progressive tax system. Also provides a means to fund public education and other high priority programs. | EDN, FIN |
| HB2992 | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW. Provides criteria of volunteerism to qualification for unemployment benefits. | LAB, FIN |
| HB2993 | RELATING TO NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION. Facilitates cooperation between the public and private sector to further the purposes of the Clean Water Act. | EEP, FIN |
| HB2994 | RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FORTY-FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects to benefit the 41st representative district. | FIN |

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[HB2258](#)

RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE.
Creates a family leave insurance fund to be administered by DLIR under the workers' compensation statute. Amends the definition of injuries covered under the workers' compensation statute to include family leave.

LAB, FIN