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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2011
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

These measures were previously scheduled for hearing on Monday, February 14, 2011.

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| <u>SB 946</u> | RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY. | JDL, WAM |
| <u>Testimony</u> | Establishes the access to justice trust fund under the judiciary as an endowment, to be administered by a nonprofit entity. Requires investment of the principal. Authorizes disbursement of interest earned to fund nonprofit legal service organizations to assist with the legal services needs of the poor, indigent, and other vulnerable populations. | |
| <u>Status</u> | | |
| <u>SB 957</u> | RELATING TO FAMILY COURT. | JDL, WAM |
| <u>Testimony</u> | Creates a citizen's family law advisory committee to be placed, for administrative purposes, in the judiciary. | |
| <u>Status</u> | | |
| <u>SB 958</u> | RELATING TO FAMILY COURT. | JDL, WAM |
| <u>Testimony</u> | Establishes a program in the family court for the registration of child custody evaluators; allows board of family court judges to adopt certification of child custody evaluators. | |
| <u>Status</u> | | |
| <u>SB 62</u> | RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS. | JDL, WAM |
| <u>Testimony</u> | Require that per-page copies of most government records not exceed 10 cents per page; requires government agencies to keep a written record of requests for disclosure of government records. | |
| <u>Status</u> | | |
| <u>SB 34</u> | RELATING TO TAX APPEALS. | JDL, WAM |
| <u>Testimony</u> | Prohibits discovery and limits the award of costs in controversies involving small claim tax appeals. | |
| <u>Status</u> | | |
| <u>SB 1489</u> | RELATING TO ATTORNEY'S LIENS. | JDL, WAM |
| <u>Testimony</u> | Provides that attorney's liens shall attach to judgments, decrees, orders, settlements, and awards pursuant to a court order or arbitration proceeding. | |
| <u>Status</u> | | |



SB 1457

Testimony

Status

RELATING TO SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION OF SMALL ESTATES.

JDL, WAM

Authorizes the successor to a small estate to close the estate through a petition process, rather than requiring the successor to close the estate through probate. Allows the successor to obtain a court order covering both personal and real property. Applies to small estates worth \$100,000 or less, where forty or more days have elapsed since the decedent passed away.

SB 1165

Testimony

Status

RELATING TO FINES.

JDL, WAM

Provides for threefold damages of any pecuniary gain derived from an offense against the State when the defendant is an employee of the State.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

FOR AMENDED HEARING NOTICES: If the notice is an amended notice, measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If there is a measure that is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways by 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the hearing:

- By Email: Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Committee at JDLTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov. Please indicate the measure, date and time of the hearing. Email sent to individual offices or any other Senate office will not be accepted.
- By Web: Testimony may be submitted online if less than 4MB in size, at <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>.
- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 002, 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.

Please note: If you submit your written testimony after 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the hearing, please sign-in at the staff table to testify orally. A copy of your testimony may not be available during the hearing but will be posted online for the public after the hearing.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., sign or foreign language interpreter or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the committee clerk 24 hours prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made.

Please note: All testimony received by the Hawaii Senate will be posted on the Hawaii Legislature's Website. Documents made available through the Testimony hyperlink(s) above may not be posted until the start of the hearing.

Public Folder. A folder labeled "Public Folder" containing the testimonies for the hearing will be available for shared use by members of the public.

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