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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 28, 2011
TIME: 9:00 A.M. –12:00 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

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| <u>HB 166</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAW. Raises the civil penalty amounts and additional criminal fines for violations of the Hawaii occupational safety and health Law. | LAB, JUD |
| <u>HB 167</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. Establishes bargaining unit health benefits trust funds. Requires public employers and unions to negotiate employers' contributions. Amends the impasse procedures for certain bargaining units. Provides right to strike on the issue of a public employers' contribution for health and other benefits. | LAB, FIN |
| <u>HB 174</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Increases the members on the ERS board of trustees from eight to ten. Establishes county representation on the ERS board of directors. | LAB, FIN |
| <u>HB 175</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. Requires one of the members of the EUTF board of trustees to be appointed by agreement of the mayors of the four counties and approved by the Hawaii State Association of Counties. | LAB, FIN |
| <u>HB 268</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. Allows counties to conduct criminal history record checks on certain: 1) liquor commission employees and prospective employees; 2) prospective employees working with vulnerable adults or seniors; and 3) prospective fire, emergency medical services, and emergency management employees. | LAB, JUD, FIN |



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| <u>HB 385</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. Authorizes nonsupervisory legislative employees to unionize through the card check and expedited bargaining process. | LAB, LMG, FIN |
| <u>HB 386</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD. Transfers jurisdiction over workers' compensation fraud from the department of labor and industrial relations to the insurance fraud investigations unit of the insurance division of the department of commerce and consumer affairs. | LAB, CPC, FIN |
| <u>HB 467</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO WHISTLEBLOWERS' PROTECTION. Provides additional protection to public employees who report violations of the law. Expands the department of labor and industrial relations' responsibilities regarding whistleblowers. | LAB, JUD, FIN |
| <u>HB 546</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS. Prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression as a public policy matter and specifically with regard to employment. | LAB, JUD |
| <u>HB 777</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE HEALTH FUND. Establishes a formula for the reimbursement of the state general fund from non-general funds for health fund contributions for retired state employees. | LAB, FIN |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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