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DATE: Monday, February 28, 2011
TIME: 9:30 a. m.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The purpose of this briefing is to discuss *The Economy and Tourism, and Anything that's Money*, with a focus on tourism funding and the transient accommodations tax. The goal is to create policies that are sensitive to the tourism industry's needs as we finalize the state budget.

Scheduled to present: Meeting Minutes to be provided to all House Members

- Carl Bonham, UHERO
- Lowell Kalapa, Tax Foundation of Hawaii
- Mike McCartney, Hawaii Tourism Authority

Other speakers to be announced

Sub-topics may include the tourism industry's top funding priorities (i.e., aging and inadequate airport facilities, improving the quality of ground transportation services, furloughs, etc); factors affecting visitor interest (tightened airport security, recession, and competing travel destinations) and how to enhance visitor experience in Hawaii; the possibility of a Waikiki Task Force to help coordinate government and private efforts to revitalize our tourism industry cost-effectively.

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