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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 02, 2012
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 2689
Status

RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY.
Exempts slim hole wells from chapter 343, HRS, and establishes specific environmental safety requirements for slim hole wells. Defines "slim hole well" and "large hole well".

EEP/WLO, FIN

HB 2690
Status

RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES.
Differentiates between "geothermal resources exploration" and "geothermal resources development" for purposes of mining leases and exploration permits. Designates "geothermal resources exploration" and "geothermal resources development" as permitted uses in all state land use districts and conservation district zones. Repeals geothermal resource subzone provisions under state land use law. Exempts geothermal resources exploration from environmental assessment and environmental impact statement requirement.

EEP/WLO, FIN



HB 2691

Status

RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT.

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Requires state land that is designated as a geothermal resource subzone to be reserved for geothermal development. Requires leases of state land that is designated as a geothermal resource subzone to be processed as both a land lease and a mining lease. Requires an open bidding process for leases of state land designated as a geothermal resource subzone for electricity production. Establishes the geothermal development special fund.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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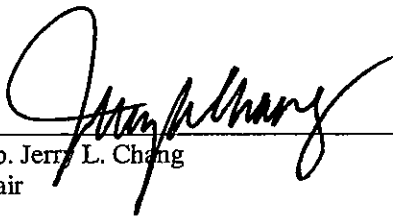
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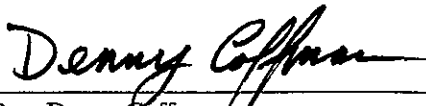
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