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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2014
TIME: 9:05 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective standing committees:

<u>SB 2292</u> <u>(SSCR2375)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds to fund irrigation infrastructure for the former Galbraith estate property.	AGL/WTL, WAM
<u>SB 2294, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2372)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO IRRIGATION. Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvements to irrigation systems and associated agricultural management facilities. (SD1)	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 2400, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2206)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to design a program that creates new farmers by identifying emerging crops and productive uses for lands managed by the Agribusiness Development Corporation and designing a program to prepare a workforce to cultivate these lands. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the Department of Agriculture to develop a coordinated land management strategy to promote diversified agriculture, support emerging and specialty crops, and maximize agricultural development. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Department of Agriculture, and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to coordinate and provide technical support to farmers to identify emerging and promising crops and support and cultivate successful agricultural businesses. (SD1)	AGL/HRE/EGH, WAM



<p><u>SB 2820, SD1</u> (SSCR2176) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO INSURANCE. Prohibits rescission of coverage under health benefit plans in most circumstances; requires written notice prior to rescission. Clarifies a requirement with regard to companies with general casualty insurance authority. Clarifies retention requirements for tax records for surplus line brokers and independently procured insureds. Allows the insurance fraud investigations branch to take appropriate action in certain instances. Includes long-term care insurance as part of limited benefit health insurance. Amends definitions relating to captive insurance companies. Specifies certain rate making requirements for managed care plans. Makes other amendments to conform to National Association of Insurance Commissioners model laws and the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2821, SD1</u> (SSCR2155) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO INSURANCE. Adopts revisions to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' model laws on Credit for Reinsurance Model Act (Part I), Standard Valuation Law (Part II), Standard Nonforfeiture for Life Insurance (Part III), and Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act (Part II). Takes effect on 7/1/2014. Part I takes effect on 1/1/2015. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3042, SD1</u> (SSCR2178) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSE CLASSES. Removes requirement that a class 14 brewpub licensee manufacture not more than thirty thousand barrels of malt beverages on the licensee's premises during the license year. Establishes a new class 18 liquor license class for small craft producer pubs. Makes conforming amendments relating to liquor license classes. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN/PSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2344, SD1</u> (SSCR2402) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Addresses climate change adaptation by establishing the interagency sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation committee under the department of land and natural resources to create a sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report that addresses sea level rise impacts statewide to 2050. Tasks the office of planning with establishing and implementing strategic climate adaptation plans and policy recommendations using the sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report as a framework for addressing other statewide climate impacts identified under Act 286, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. Appropriates funds for staffing and resources. (SD1)</p>	<p>ENE/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2656, SD1</u> (SSCR2401) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HAWAII ELECTRIC SYSTEM. Requires the public utilities commission to initiate a proceeding no later than July 1, 2014, to address the technical, policy, and economic issues associated with the modernization of Hawaii's electricity grids. Requires the division of consumer advocacy to represent the interests of all consumers at the proceeding. Appropriates funds to the commission and division of consumer advocacy. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>ENE/CPN, WAM</p>



<p><u>SB 2756, SD1</u> (SSCR2400) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PROCESSING OF SEWAGE INTO SEWAGE DERIVED FUEL. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Clean Communities, LLC, to process sewage to create sewage derived fuel. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>ENE, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2856, SD1</u> (SSCR2399) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE REVOLVING FUND. Appropriates funds for environmental health programs through the environmental response revolving fund. (SD1)</p>	<p>ENE, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3008, SD1</u> (SSCR2398) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ANAERGIA INC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Anaergia Inc. with the development of facilities for renewable non-fossil fuel energy production in Maui. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>ENE, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2617, SD1</u> (SSCR2318) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS OF ART. Amends the criteria for the works of art to be commissioned to honor the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye and the late U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink pursuant to Act 281, SLH 2013. Amends the appropriation to an unspecified for the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium. (SD1)</p>	<p>TEC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3125, SD1</u> (SSCR2322) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS. Requires the Auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. (SD1)</p>	<p>TEC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2968, SD1</u> (SSCR2194) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TOURISM STIMULUS INITIATIVES. Provides an income tax credit for hotel construction and renovation for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015 and ending on or before December 31, 2019. (SD1)</p>	<p>TSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3024, SD1</u> (SSCR2420) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. Increases the amount of excess revenues allocated for certain purposes subject to the mutual agreement of the board of land and natural resources and the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority in accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic plan to \$10,000,000. Allocates \$5,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 to the division of conservation and resource enforcement. (SD1)</p>	<p>TSM/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3081</u> (SSCR2421) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes an innovative business interaction program under the Hawaii tourism authority. Increases the transient accommodations tax revenues deposited into the tourism special fund by an amount to be used for the program.</p>	<p>TSM/EGH, WAM</p>



Decision making meeting only, no public testimony will be accepted.

Persons wishing to offer comments may do so 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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

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