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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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MEASURES DEFERRED TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2014
TIME: 9:05 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

[SB2885](#)
[\(SSCR2209\)](#)
[Status and Testimony](#)

RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE.
Allows the Director of Public Safety to appoint the Mental Health Branch Administrator and Mental Health Section Administrators without regard to Chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

PSM, WAM

[SB2222 SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2386\)](#)
[Status and Testimony](#)

RELATING TO FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS.
Prohibits the sale, offering for sale, or distribution of any flavored tobacco product, including menthol products, within the State beginning on January 1, 2015. (SD1)

CPN/JDL, WAM



[SB2495 SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2327\)](#)
[Status and Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES.
Includes electronic smoking devices within the definition of "tobacco products" under chapter 245, Hawaii Revised Statutes, thereby subjecting wholesalers, dealers, and retailers of electronic smoking devices to the same licensing and permitting requirements as wholesalers, dealers, and retailers of cigarettes and other tobacco products. Increases the license and permit fees for persons engaged as a wholesaler or dealer or retailer of cigarettes or tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices. Establishes an excise tax on electronic smoking devices equal to an unspecified per cent of the wholesale price of each electronic smoking device kit, electronic smoking device nicotine cartridge, or electronic smoking device nicotine refill sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer on or after October 1, 2014. Amends Hawaii's anti-smoking statute to prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices in places open to the public and places of employment. Clarifies that the sale, distribution, sampling, or display of electronic smoking devices and the distribution of promotional materials, or coupons redeemable for promotional materials, for tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, are restricted in the same manner as cigarettes and other tobacco products. License and permit fees and excise tax effective 01/01/2015. (SD1)

HTH/CPN, WAM
[Measure added on 2/20/2014]

[SB2496 SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2326\)](#)
[Status and Testimony](#)

RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS.
Imposes an excise tax equal to eighty-five per cent of the wholesale price of any tobacco product, other than large cigars, sold by a wholesaler or dealer on and after January 1, 2015, whether or not sold at wholesale, or if not sold then at the same rate upon the use by the wholesaler or dealer. Requires any increase in the excise tax rate imposed on cigarettes or little cigars on or after 1/1/2015 to trigger an automatic excise tax increase on other tobacco products on or after 1/1/2015. Requires the additional moneys collected under the excise tax to be deposited to the credit of the Hawaii cancer research special fund. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

HTH/CPN, WAM
[Measure added on 2/20/2014]

[SB2866 SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2225\)](#)
[Status and Testimony](#)

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.
Makes an emergency appropriation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. (SD1)

HTH, WAM
[Measure added on 2/20/2014]



[SB2656 SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2401\)](#)
[Status and Testimony](#)

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)

ENE/CPN, WAM
[Measure added on
2/20/2014]

No testimony will be accepted.

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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