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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2017
TIME: 9:35 AM
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 872, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR514)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ETHICS. Allows the State Ethics Commission to employ or retain its own attorneys. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD1)	JDL, WAM
<u>SB 948</u> <u>(SSCR98)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL RETENTION OF ATTORNEYS. Revises the Division of Financial Institution's exemption from the general prohibition against departmental employment or retention of attorneys by removing the reference to mortgage loan recovery fund actions.	JDL/CPH, WAM
<u>SB 490, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR356)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO MATERIAL WITNESS ORDERS. Allows the circuit court or family court to issue a material witness order in cases initiated through felony complaint, indictment, or information. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD1)	JDL, WAM
<u>SB 891, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR515)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO INCOME WITHHOLDING FOR CHILD SUPPORT. Amends the income withholding requirements to impose a fine against any employer who discharges from employment, refuses to employ, or takes disciplinary action against any noncustodial parent subject to income withholding; or fails to withhold support from income or pay the amounts to the child support enforcement agency. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD1)	JDL/HMS, WAM
<u>SB 320, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR355)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION. Requires DNA samples from a felony offender regardless of whether the offender completed a criminal sentence, or was otherwise discharged from the jurisdiction of the court, for the qualifying felony offense prior to July 1, 2017, and retroactively to July 1, 2005. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD1)	JDL, WAM



<p><u>SB 888, SD1</u> (SSCR432) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. Makes appropriations for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees.</p>	<p>JDL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 276, SD1</u> (SSCR429) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO JUDGES. Increases the number of judges of the district court of the second circuit from three to four judges. Makes housekeeping amendments to laws relating to the composition of judges of the circuit courts, district courts, and family courts. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 245, SD1</u> (SSCR145) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS. Requires each unit of government of the State and its political subdivisions to exercise reasonable care in the maintenance of all government records under its control that are required to be made available for public inspection. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 857, SD1</u> (SSCR151) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Establishes that employers shall pay all workers' compensation claims for compensable injuries and shall not deny claims without reasonable cause or during a pending investigation. Creates a presumption of compensability for claims submitted by employees excluded from coverage under the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act. Establishes that employers shall notify providers of service of any billing disagreements and allows providers to charge an additional rate to employers who fail to adhere to the notice requirements. Establishes resolution procedures for employers and providers who have a reasonable disagreement over liability for services provided an injured worker. Requires an employee whose claim is found to be non-compensable to submit reimbursements for services rendered. Effective 1/7/2059. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 422, SD1</u> (SSCR147) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CHILD VISITATION. Adds as prerequisites to awarding grandparents visitation that the court also find that awarding custody to a grandparent is in the best interest of the child and that denial of reasonable grandparent visitation rights would cause significant harm to the child. Clarifies procedures for an order awarding reasonable visitation rights to grandparents and that a violation of the terms and conditions of such an order is subject to sanctions or contempt of court. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1229</u> (SSCR189) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COURTS. Exempts all proceedings relating to parking violations under certain administrative rules from the exclusive, original jurisdiction of the environmental courts.</p>	<p>JDL, WAM</p>



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

Persons wishing to submit written testimony may do so up to 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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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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Senator Jill N. Tokuda
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