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MEASURE : SB0181 SD1 HD1 CD1 (CCR 41)
ACT : 124 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO VETERANS.
INTRO : Espero W (first primary), Baker R, Galuteria B, Keith-Agaran G
DESCRIPT : Amends Act 133, session laws of 2012. Extends the sunset date of provisions relating to veterans high school diploma for armed services veterans and others until June 30, 2020. -- SB0181 CD1
STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
Jun-19 15 Approved by Governor (Act 124 2015)

MEASURE : SB0213 SD2 HD3 CD1 (CCR 158)
ACT : 194 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO THE HAWAII PENAL CODE.
INTRO : Keith-Agaran G (first primary), Espero W, Shimabukuro M
DESCRIPT : Amends provisions relating to multiple sentence of imprisonment. Requires the department of public safety, for terms of imprisonment imposed prior to June 18, 2008, to post written notice in all inmate housing units and the facility library at each correctional facility for a period of 2 months and send written notice to the defendant no later than January 1, 2016, that shall include but not be limited to notice that the department may recalculate the multiple terms of imprisonment imposed on the defendant, and notice of the defendant's right to have the court review the defendant's sentence. -- SB0213 CD1
STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
Jul-01 15 Approved by Governor (Act 194 2015)

MEASURE : SB0265 SD1 HD1 CD1 (CCR 40)
TITLE : RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING.
INTRO : Chun Oakland S (first primary), Espero W, Nishihara C
DESCRIPT : Amends provisions relating to witness security and protection. Allows the attorney general to fund or provide for the security and protection of the immediate family of, or a person otherwise closely with, the witness or potential witness if the family or person may also be endangered and requires the attorney general to give greatest priority to proceedings or investigations involving pending or potential sex trafficking. -- Amends violent crimes under crime victim compensation law to include sex trafficking. -- Amends provisions relating to the prostitution coercion liability act by changing it to the sex trafficking and prostitution liability act. -- Amends provisions relating to time limitations. Allows prosecution for sex trafficking may be commenced at any time. -- Amends provisions relating to prostitution, promoting prostitution by adding sex trafficking. Provides that it is a class C felony for the person who paid, agreed to pay, or offered to pay a fee to engage in sexual conduct with another person did so in reckless disregard of the fact that the other person was or is a victim of sex trafficking, and is a violation if the person who engaged in, or agreed or offered to engage in, sexual conduct with another person for a fee was less than 18 years of age at the time of the offense. -- Amends provisions relating to promoting prostitution in the 1st degree by repealing promoting prostitution in the 1st degree and adding sex trafficking. Makes sex trafficking a class A felony. -- Amends provisions relating to promoting prostitution in the 2nd degree by repealing 2nd degree. Provides that a person commits the offense of promoting prostitution if the person knowingly advances or profits from prostitution of a person 18 years of age or older. Makes it a class B felony. -- Amends provisions relating to prostitution; motion to vacate conviction. Allows a person to file a motion to vacate a conviction if the defendant's participation in the offense was the result of the person having been a victim of sex trafficking. -- Provides that sex trafficking is an offense for which property is subject to forfeiture. -- Allows a court to grant an order authorizing or approving the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications by investigative or law enforcement officers having responsibility for the investigation of the offense of sex trafficking if the interception might provide or has provided evidence. -- Exempts a sex trafficking offense from termination of registration requirements under the registration of sex offenders and other covered offenders and public access to registration information law. -- SB0265 CD1
STATUS : Jul-13 15 Vetoed

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MEASURE : SB0555 SD1 HD1 CD1 (CCR 164)
ACT : 223 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO TAX CREDITS.
INTRO : Espero W (first primary), Chun Oakland S
DESCRIPT : Amends provisions relating to the refundable food / excise income tax credit. Increases the tax credit for a taxpayer filing a single return and provides a tax credit for heads of household, married individuals filing separate returns and married couples filing joint returns. Repealed on December 31, 2017 (sunset). -- SB0555 CD1
STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
Jul-09 15 Approved by Governor (Act 223 2015)

MEASURE : SB0564 SD1 (SSCR 527)
ACT : 015 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.
INTRO : Espero W (first primary), Baker R, Keith-Agaran G, Galuteria B, Ruderman R
DESCRIPT : Amends Act 24 special session laws of 2009, as amended, Act 76, session laws of 2012, as amended by Act 66, session laws of 2013, relating to the reentry commission by extending the sunset date to December 31, 2019. -- SB0564 SD1
STATUS : Apr-10 15 Received by the Governor
Apr-23 15 Approved by Governor (Act 15 2015)

MEASURE : SB0569 SD1 HD1 CD1 (CCR 25)
TITLE : RELATING TO THEFT.
INTRO : Espero W (first primary)
DESCRIPT : Amends provisions relating to theft in the 2nd degree. Provides that a person commits the offense of theft in the 2nd degree if the person commits theft of property or services the value of which exceeds 750 dollars. -- SB0569 CD1
STATUS : Jul-13 15 Vetoed

MEASURE : SB0661 SD2 HD1 CD1 (CCR 97)
ACT : 208 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS TEST SITES.
INTRO : Espero W (first primary)
DESCRIPT : Establishes the Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site advisory board; established. Establishes a Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site advisory board, as a subcommittee of the Hawaii aerospace advisory committee, to oversee the planning and operation of the Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site. Establishes provisions relating to Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site chief operating officer within the department of business, economic development and tourism to manage operations of the test sites. Requires the department of business, economic development and tourism to hire a chief operating officer to manage the operations of Hawaii's unmanned aerial systems test site. Requires the officer to oversee, supervise, and direct operations of unmanned aerial systems test site activities; facilitate opportunities for public and private use of test site facilities; assist unmanned aerial systems test ranges; leverage aerospace and related technological capabilities in the State's academic, public, and private sectors to support testing and evaluation at Hawaii's unmanned aerial systems test ranges; promote innovative education and workforce development programs to enhance public awareness of the benefits and opportunities that unmanned aerial systems technologies and applications can bring to the State; monitor national and global trends in unmanned aerial systems development and testing, and recommend policies and programs to advance unmanned aerial systems in Hawaii; establish and maintain a public website with updated information on the program and provide information on Hawaii's unmanned aerial systems test site initiative; contract for services and implement agreements as may be necessary to conduct operations at Hawaii's unmanned aerial systems test sites; serve as Hawaii's representative on the Pan Pacific unmanned aerial systems test range complex management team; and report annually to the legislature. Allows the chief operating officer to employ 1 administrative assistant for Hawaii's unmanned aerial systems test site operations and activities. -- Amends provisions relating to requirements of disclosure. Adds the Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site chief operating officer to file a disclosure of financial interests

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STATUS : with the state ethics commission. Appropriation. (\$\$) -- SB0661 CD1
: May-07 15 Received by the Governor
: Jul-02 15 Approved by Governor (Act 208 2015)

MEASURE : SB0913 SD1 (SSCR 595)
ACT : 016 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
INTRO : Chun Oakland S (first primary), Espero W, Baker R, Galuteria B, Keith-Agaran G
DESCRIPT : Establishes provisions relating to incarcerated parents; data collection under corrections law. Requires the department of public safety upon intake of an offender into the correctional system to collect data of the number of offenders who are parents; the number of children under the age of 18 per offender who is a parent; and any other information about incarcerated parents and their children that the department deems useful to facilitate the provision of services to incarcerated parents or their children. Requires the department in collaboration with the family reunification work group to devise the forms or questions to be asked of offenders upon intake into the correctional system to obtain the information required. Requires the department to develop a plan for the management of the data collected and public disclosure of the data. -- SB0913 SD1

STATUS : Apr-10 15 Received by the Governor
: Apr-23 15 Approved by Governor (Act 16 2015)

MEASURE : SB0964 SD2 HD1 CD1 (CCR 137)
ACT : 188 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO AGING.
INTRO : Chun Oakland S (first primary), Ihara L, Galuteria B, Espero W, Green J, Baker R
DESCRIPT : Appropriation to the department of health for the kupuna care program; provided that the sum appropriated shall be in addition to the base budget of the executive office on aging. (\$\$) -- SB0964 CD1

STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
: Jul-01 15 Approved by Governor (Act 188 2015)

MEASURE : SB1001 SD2 HD1 CD1 (CCR 139)
ACT : 215 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO MANUFACTURING.
INTRO : Wakai G (first primary), Espero W, Ihara L
DESCRIPT : Establishes provisions relating to manufacturing development program; established. Establishes the program, administered by the high technology development corporation to provide grants to any business in Hawaii that is a manufacturer in the State and requires assistance for any of the following items, purchasing of manufacturing equipment; training of employees on the use of manufacturing equipment; improving existing energy efficiency manufacturing equipment or the purchase of improved energy efficiency equipment in the manufacturing process; or studying or planning the implementation of a new manufacturing facility. Requires the corporation to biannually report to the legislature on the total number of grants provided; the sectors provided with grants; the total projected economic and employment growth facilitated by the grants provided; and the actual economic and employment growth that occurred as a result of the grants provided. Appropriation. (\$\$) -- SB1001 CD1

STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
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MEASURE : SB1158 SD1 HD1 CD1 (CCR 98)
ACT : 163 2015
TITLE : RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS SPECIAL FUND.
INTRO : Espero W (first primary)
DESCRIPT : Establishes provisions relating to the Pacific international space center for exploration systems special fund. Establishes fund, into which shall be deposited revenues, moneys, and fees from services, rentals, publications, royalties, and patents; gifts, donations, and grants received by the center and proceeds from revenue bonds issued by the director of finance. Requires moneys in

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the fund to be used by the center for the operation, maintenance, and management of its projects, facilities, services, and publications and for the design and construction of new facilities and the renovation of or addition to existing facilities. -- SB1158 CD1

STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
Jun-26 15 Approved by Governor (Act 163 2015)

MEASURE : SB1180 SD2 HD1 CD1 (CCR 157)
ACT : 132 2015

TITLE : RELATING TO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.

INTRO : Harimoto B (first primary), Espero W, Nishihara C, Inouye L, Kidani M, Riviere G

DESCRIPT : Repeals and replaces the metropolitan planning organizations law. Appropriation out of the state highway fund to the metropolitan planning organization revolving fund. (\$\$) -- SB1180 CD1

STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
Jun-19 15 Approved by Governor (Act 132 2015)

MEASURE : SB1291 SD2 HD2 CD1 (CCR 49)
ACT : 242 2015

TITLE : RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

INTRO : Keith-Agaran G (first primary), English J, Ruderman R, Espero W

DESCRIPT : Establishes the medical marijuana (cannabis) patient and caregiver protections. Prohibits a school to refuse to enroll or otherwise penalize, and landlord to refuse to lease property to or otherwise penalize, a person solely for their status as a qualifying patient or primary caregiver in the medical marijuana program, unless failing to do so would cause the school or landlord to lose a monetary or licensing related benefit under federal law or regulation; provided that the qualifying patient or primary caregiver strictly complied with the requirements of this part. Provides that for the purposes of medical care, including organ transplants, a registered qualifying patient's use of marijuana in compliance shall be considered the equivalent of the use of any other medication under the direction of a physician and shall not constitute the use of an illicit substance or otherwise disqualify a registered qualifying patient from medical care. Prohibits a qualifying patient or primary caregiver to be denied custody of; visitation with; or parenting time with a minor, and there shall be no presumption of neglect or child endangerment, for conduct allowed; provided that shall not apply if the qualifying patient's or primary caregiver's conduct created a danger to the safety of the minor as established by a preponderance of the evidence. -- Establishes provisions relating to medical marijuana; discrimination under the planned community associations law, the condominium property regimes law, and the condominiums law. Provides that nothing shall be construed to diminish the obligation of a planned community association; a condominium property regime; or a condominium association to provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. -- SB1291 CD1

STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
Jul-14 15 Approved by Governor (Act 242 2015)

MEASURE : SB1316 SD2 HD2 CD1 (CCR 19)
ACT : 164 2015

TITLE : RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

INTRO : Gabbard M (first primary), Green J, Inouye L, Espero W

DESCRIPT : Establishes a working group within the department of business, economic development, and tourism to address the installation of electric vehicle charging systems at apartments, condominiums, cooperative housing corporations, and planned community associations. Report to the legislature. Requires the legislative reference bureau to assist the working group. Working group to be dissolved on December 30, 2015 (sunset). -- SB1316 CD1

STATUS : May-07 15 Received by the Governor
Jun-26 15 Approved by Governor (Act 164 2015)

MEASURE : SB1345 HD1 CD1 (CCR 78)
ACT : 116 2015

TITLE : RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

INTRO : Kidani M (first primary), Dela Cruz D, Inouye L, Galuteria B, Chun Oakland S, Espero W

DESCRIPT : Requires the department of education to develop a transition plan to end the use of multi track

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STATUS : schedules in public schools. Report to the legislature. Appropriation. (\$\$) -- SB1345 CD1
: May-07 15 Received by the Governor
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