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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2024
TIME: 9:40 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: CPN

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A G E N D A

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| SB 2904 Status & Testimony | RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Amends emergency management law to protect tenants, mortgagors, consumers, and residents for certain periods of time after the issuance of a gubernatorial or mayoral emergency proclamation. Classifies violations as unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts or practices. | PSM/CPN, JDC |
| SB 2908 Status & Testimony | RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Prohibits residential rent increases in affected areas for an unspecified period after a severe storm warning or issuance of an emergency proclamation. | PSM/CPN, JDC |
| SB 2977 Status & Testimony | RELATING TO UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS. Makes it unlawful for an unlicensed contractor to offer or perform repairs or improvements to a residential or nonresidential structure or property, or add to or subtract from grounds in connection with the structure or property, for damage or destruction caused by a natural disaster for which a state of emergency or disaster is proclaimed by the Governor. Requires violations to be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment up to one year, or both, in addition to all other remedies or penalties. | PSM/CPN, JDC |

SB 2983

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Regulates charitable fundraising platforms and activities of platform charities during declared federal disasters. Includes provisions relating to the misuse of funds. Imposes vicarious liability upon a platform charity for a charitable fundraising platform's misuse of funds, and vice versa. Exempts national disaster charitable organizations from its provisions.

PSM/CPN, JDC

SB 2843

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Clarifies that the Governor's and mayors' emergency management powers shall be consistent with the state constitution. Clarifies the scope of the comprehensive emergency management plan. Clarifies the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency. Shortens the duration of price control periods from ninety-six hours to seventy-two hours.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- Testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **2 minutes** each.

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Chair

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