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TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
FROM: Sen. Colleen Hanabusa, Chair
SUBJECT: Chair's inclinations for decision making on Wednesday, February 22, 9:00 a.m.

The following measures were previously heard on Monday, February 6 and deferred from Wednesday, February 8, Friday, February 10, and Friday, February 17:

Bill NO.	Description	Referral
SB 2603	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE. Provides district court judges with discretion to impose a term of imprisonment for first offenses of motor vehicle insurance laws. Chair's inclination: SD1 – Incorporate the amendment agreed to by the Judiciary and the Office of the Public Defender to specify that the violation of not having a valid motor vehicle insurance policy is not a "traffic infraction" as defined in chapter 291D in order to allow district court judges to consider a first offense for purposes of finding multiple convictions and delete the provision that would have allowed a court to impose a term of imprisonment of not more than forty-eight hours for a first offense.	JHW

The following measures were previously heard on Monday, February 13 and deferred from Friday, February 17:

Bill NO.	Description	Referral
SB 2558	RELATING TO THE HAWAII RULES OF EVIDENCE. Makes oral or written apologies inadmissible to prove fault and preserves admissibility of a statement of fault. Chair's inclination: Defer to Friday, February 24, 2006 at 9:00 am in CR 229 to provide additional time to determine the position of the Hawaii Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Rules of Evidence following its meeting held on Friday, February 17, 2006.	JHW

The following measures were previously heard on Wednesday, February 15:

Bill NO.	Description	Referral
SB 623	RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE ETHICS. Establishes a legislative ethics committee in each legislative house; enacts new conflict of interest provisions subject to enforcement by the respective legislative ethics committee; prohibits fundraising activities by legislators during all legislative sessions; broadens scope of financial disclosure. Chair's inclination: Defer to Friday, February 24, 2006 at 9:00 am in CR 229	JHW

SB 627	<p data-bbox="326 472 613 504">RELATING TO ETHICS.</p> <p data-bbox="326 506 1224 537">Prohibits state board or commission members from doing business with their board.</p> <p data-bbox="326 539 1187 571">Prohibits public employees from taking actions that directly affect their families.</p> <p data-bbox="326 573 1284 627">Requires disclosure of financial interests for specified state board members, including the board of regents.</p> <p data-bbox="326 630 1203 659">Chair's inclination: Defer to Friday, February 24, 2006 at 9:00 am in CR 229.</p>	JHW
SB 994	<p data-bbox="326 688 613 720">RELATING TO ETHICS.</p> <p data-bbox="326 722 1284 777">Provides that the financial disclosure requirements of the code of ethics applies to justices and judges.</p> <p data-bbox="326 779 1203 814">Chair's inclination: Defer to Friday, February 24, 2006 at 9:00 am in CR 229.</p>	JHW
SB 1061	<p data-bbox="326 844 703 875">RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.</p> <p data-bbox="326 877 1273 995">Prohibits a lobbyist who lobbies the legislature, principal of a lobbyist, client or agent of lobbyist, and a political action committee on which the lobbyist sits from making a contribution to a member of the legislature, the governor, and lieutenant governor while the legislature is in session.</p> <p data-bbox="326 997 1203 1031">Chair's inclination: Defer to Friday, February 24, 2006 at 9:00 am in CR 229.</p>	JHW
SB 1062	<p data-bbox="326 1060 753 1092">RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.</p> <p data-bbox="326 1094 1278 1211">Requires the legislature to follow fundamental principles of the sunshine law, including conduct public hearings on legislative rules; deeming correspondence on measures to be testimony; 48-hour public notice for hearings; second and third reading votes in the order of the day; and majority vote to suspend legislative rules.</p> <p data-bbox="326 1213 1203 1247">Chair's inclination: Defer to Friday, February 24, 2006 at 9:00 am in CR 229.</p>	JHW
SB 1177	<p data-bbox="326 1276 824 1308">RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.</p> <p data-bbox="326 1310 1279 1428">Requires a legislator to disclose each source of annual income that is derived from a single source which is \$25,000 or more, or that represents an amount equal to twenty-five per cent or more of the legislator's total annual income from all sources excluding legislative salary.</p> <p data-bbox="326 1430 1203 1463">Chair's inclination: Defer to Friday, February 24, 2006 at 9:00 am in CR 229.</p>	JHW
SB 1042	<p data-bbox="326 1493 656 1524">RELATING TO ELECTIONS.</p> <p data-bbox="326 1526 1265 1581">Prohibits use of a registered voter's social security number on nomination papers filed in behalf of a candidate.</p> <p data-bbox="326 1583 1203 1619">Chair's inclination: Defer to Friday, February 24, 2006 at 9:00 am in CR 229.</p>	JHW