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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

TIME:

2:00 pm

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 318 (HSCR105) RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.

EDB, CPC

Establishes a three-year administrative rules review pilot program that

requires the department of commerce and consumer affairs to examine its rules, and to identify and repeal obsolete, cumbersome,

unnecessary, or overly restrictive rules.

HB 1307

RELATING TO BUSINESS REGISTRATION.

EDB, CPC

HD1 (HSCR340) Clarifies the business registration requirements for foreign nonprofit corporations and foreign limited liability companies. Effective date is

2034.

HB 936

RELATING TO GIFT CERTIFICATES.

EDB, CPC

HD1 (HSCR447) Prohibits a gift certificate issuer from charging service fees for

dormancy or inactivity within 24 months after date of issuance of the

certificate. Requires disclosure of fees on electronic card or certificate.

HB 573

RELATING TO DISASTER WARNINGS.

PSM, CPC

HD1 (HSCR397) Requires cellular telephone service providers to text message their customers in the event of a disaster. Requires cellular telephone

service providers biannually to conduct a test of this service in

conjunction with testing by the department of defense.

HB 158

RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

TRN, CPC

(HSCR237) Clarifies the period of time for safety inspection of motor carrier

vehicles.

HB 1628 (HSCR375)	RELATING TO HAWAII MACADAMIA NUT PRODUCT LABELING.	AGR, CPC
	Requires products with labels representing that a portion of the macadamia nuts in the package were grown in Hawaii, to specify the percentage of Hawaiian-grown macadamia nuts. Prohibits labeling	
	that incorrectly represents that any of the macadamia nuts contained in the package were grown in Hawaii.	
HB 1121 HD1 (HSCR429)	RELATING TO WATER RATES FOR AGRICULTURAL USES. Directs the public utilities commission to require private entities that furnish water used for agricultural purposes in an area zoned for agricultural use to establish a water rate structure for qualified agricultural water users by January 1, 2008.	AGR/WLH, CPC
HB 1595 HD1 (HSCR474)	RELATING TO PETROLEUM PRICE GOUGING. Prohibits the sale of any petroleum product for an unconscionably excessive price during any abnormal disruptions of the market as an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of any trade or commerce under section 480-2. HD1	EEP, CPC
HB 1577 HD1 (HSCR99)	RELATING TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED COFFEE. Temporarily prohibits the growing of genetically modified coffee. Allows research on genetically modified coffee in environmentally secure facilities.	EEP, CPC

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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