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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Monday, February 12, 2007

TIME:

9:00 A.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1280 HD1

RELATING TO INNOVATION IN WORKFORCE

LAB, EDB, FIN

DEVELOPMENT.

(HSCR136)

Establishes a lifelong learning program and tax credit in the DLIR to support upgraded training for the incumbent workforce. Establishes a rapid response training program and revolving fund in DBEDT to facilitate rapid custom training for high priority business investments. Establishes a state level program in DBEDT to attract former residents back to Hawaii. Merges certain workforce and economic development programs of DLIR and DBEDT, Effective 07/01/2059 (HB1280 HD1).

HB 252 (HSCR62) RELATING TO CONVEYANCE TAXES FOR SPECULATIVE

WLH, EDB, FIN

SALES.

Increases conveyance tax rates.

HB 936

RELATING TO GIFT CERTIFICATES.

EDB, CPC

Prohibits a gift certificate issuer from charging service fees for dormancy or inactivity within 6 months after date of issuance of the certificate. Requires disclosure of fees on electronic card or certificate.

HB 760 (HSCR163) RELATING TO A LIVING WAGE FOR WORKERS ON SERVICE

LAB, EDB, FIN

CONTRACTS.

Reduces the threshold for service contract worker wage provisions from \$25,000 to \$5,000; requires wages to be based on United States poverty guidelines for Hawaii; requires enforcement by the department of labor and industrial relations; extends additional rights to service

contract employees.

HB 853

RELATING TO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS.

LAB, EDB, FIN

HD1 (HSCR164) Clarifies that a single violation refers to each separate project where the department of labor and industrial relations finds a contractor has

failed to comply with chapter 104. (HB853 HD1)

HB 1745 HD1 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT.

LAB, EDB, FIN

(HSCR199)

Establishes job security requirements to protect employees when the business for which the employees work is sold or transferred to another employing entity. Adds definition of "divestiture". Creates worker retention trust fund to receive moneys from penalties and to be used to compensate dislocated workers. Enables certain successor companies that acquire a business to also acquire its predecessor's unemployment insurance contribution assessment rate through December 31, 2007.

(HB1745 HD1)

HB 1767

RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

EDB, FIN

Authorizes best value procurement by permitting governmental

agencies to award design-build contracts.

HB 70

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

TRN, EDB, FIN

HD1 (HSCR174) Allows State to enter into agreements with private entities to build, operate, own, or finance transportation facilities including toll

highways. (HB70 HD1)

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