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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

FRIDAY, February 23, 2007

TIME:

4:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA#7

HB 273 (HSCR187)

RELATING TO ANNUITIES.

Establishes standards and procedures to be followed by insurers or

insurance producers when making recommendations to consumers who

are considering the purchase or exchange of any annuity.

HB 90 HD1

(HSCR360)

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Enacts the National Conference of Insurance Legislators market

conduct surveillance model law, which establishes a framework for the insurance commissioner to conduct market conduct examinations of

domestic and foreign insurers.

HB 88

RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD.

HD1 Expands the department of commerce and consumer affairs'

jurisdiction over insurance fraud to include workers' compensation (HSCR436) cases, until July 1, 2010. Appropriates funds for additional personnel

and resources within the department to combat insurance fraud.

HB 1006

RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

HD1 Establishes the Office of the Director of Disaster Preparedness and a

Disaster Preparedness Commission to develop a disaster preparedness (HSCR574)

plan for Hawaii that includes the identification of hazards and hazard

impact zones; disaster mitigation policies, requirements, and

incentives; and best responses.

HB 989 (HSCR245) RELATING TO LEAVE SHARING.

Allows employees to donate sick leave credits in addition to vacation

credits to assist employees who are on extended leave due to illness.

HB 1493

(HSCR741)

COMMISSION.

HD1

Exempts existing and new employees of the commission for crime

RELATING TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

victim compensation from civil service law as established in chapter

HB 763 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW. LAB, FIN HD1 Amends workers' compensation law, including limiting an employer's (HSCR644) ability to terminate benefits, authorizing the recovery of attorney's fees and costs by the injured employee, specifying procedures for medical examinations by the employer's physician, establishing fines for violations, requiring the reporting of denials of claims and relevant information, and further restricting the director of labor and industrial relations' rulemaking authority. HB 867 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW. LAB, FIN (HSCR502) Allows negotiation between employers and public unions over workers' compensation coverage and benefits. HB 855 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. LAB, FIN HD1 Ensures that uninterrupted medical care is provided to an injured employee, even if the injured employee's employer denies further (HSCR626) treatment, until the director of labor and industrial relations renders a final decision on the matter.

HB 854 HD1 (HSCR645) RELATING TO CONTINUED TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY LAB, FIN

BENEFITS TO INJURED EMPLOYEES.

Clarifies that temporary total disability benefits shall be terminated only upon order of the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations or if the employee's treating physician determines that the employee is able to resume work and the employer has made a bona fide offer of work within the employee's medical restrictions. Allows the employer to request that the Director issue a credit for the amount of temporary total disability benefits paid by the employer after the date which the Director had determined should have been the last date of payment.

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