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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE:

TUESDAY, February 27, 2007

TIME: 5:45 P.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

<u>A G E N D A #9</u>

DECISION MAKING ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS PREVIOUSLY HEARD

HEARD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, AGENDA # 6:

HB 1001

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Creates an affordable housing pilot project to be implemented by the

HD1 (HSCR702)

counties. Transfers the project to the Hawaii Housing Finance and

Development Corporation, if the counties do not accept it.

HEARD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AGENDA #6:

HB 1359

RELATING TO THE STATE PHARMACY ASSISTANCE

(HSCR517)

PROGRAM.

Creates a Hawaii State Pharmacy Assistance program by merging the current State Pharmacy Assistance program which coordinates the Medicare Part D drug benefit and the Hawaii Rx plus program under a single comprehensive Hawaii State Pharmacy Assistance program

umbrella.

HEARD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, AGENDA # 1:

HB 1899

RELATING TO KAWAI NUI MARSH.

WLH, FIN

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HD1

(HSCR679)

Requires the City and County of Honolulu to transfer to the State a parcel of pristine wetlands known as Kawai Nui Marsh, effective

September 1, 2007. Also transfers other parcels of Kawai Nui Marsh

to the State.

HEARD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, AGENDA # 2:

HB 780 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, FIN

(HSCR461) Requires department of agriculture to reimburse agricultural water user

who pays county agriculture water rates the difference between the rate

they paid and the rate charged by the state irrigation systems.

HB 715

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF

AGR/WLH, FIN

HDI

WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE ON LANAI.

(HSCR560) Appropriates funds for the creation of a Lanai agriculture industry by

providing funds for the purchase of water by the Lanai farmers.

HEARD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, AGENDA # 4

HB 1500

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.

LAB, FIN

HD1 (HSCR506) Raises the maximum weekly unemployment benefit to 80% of the average weekly wage. Changes employer's contribution rates for the

average weekly wage. Changes employer's contribution rates for the fiscal year 2007-2008 to 65% of amount in effect on 06/30/07, and

thereafter to 75% of the amount in effect on 06/30/07.

HB 520

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.

LAB, FIN

HD1 (HSCR568) Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a cost benefit analysis of adjusting the formulas used to calculate the "adequate

reserve fund" of the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

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