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#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE:

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 309

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

#### AGENDA

HB 863

#### RELATING TO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS.

LAB, EDB, FIN

Clarifies that a construction contract between private parties is a public work under certain conditions, that include state or county use of more than half the project. Requires construction project owner to sign a lease agreement that complies with state prevailing wage law. Requires that copies of the lease agreement be filed with the departments of labor and industrial relations and accounting and

general services.

HB 861

#### RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS.

LAB, EDB, FIN

Requires that, for public works projects that are not directly caused by a governmental contracting agency, the department of labor and industrial relations be the responsible agency for ensuring compliance with the State's prevailing wage law. Requires the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for these projects to be promptly reported to the

department of labor and industrial relations.

HB 862

#### RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGES.

LAB, EDB, FIN

Allows a joint labor-management committee established pursuant to the federal Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978 to institute an action for injunctive and other relief against an employer that fails to pay its employees the prevailing wage. Effective upon approval.

HB 556

# MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE EMPLOYEE

LAB, FIN

RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Appropriates funds to reduce the unfunded liability of the Employee

Retirement System due to previous reamortizations.

HB 852	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Permits all elective officers (rather than only members of the legislature) who attain the age of 65 to retire and receive a service retirement allowance while continuing to fill an elective position.	LAB, FIN
HB 247	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Allows all employees' retirement system retirants to change their pension payment option if the retirant's beneficiary dies before the retirant.	LAB, FIN
HB 519	RELATING TO THE STATE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.  Expands the definition of employee under the state deferred compensation plan to include employees who are excluded from participation in the employees' retirement system.	LAB, FIN
HB 29	RELATING TO VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION TRUSTS.  Makes VEBA trust law permanent.	LAB, FIN
HB 388	RELATING TO EMPLOYEES. Requires successor employers to retain incumbent employees upon the divestiture, sale, or acquisition of a business. Enables certain successor companies that acquire a business to also acquire its predecessor's unemployment insurance contribution assessment rate through 12/31/07.	LAB, EDB
НВ 887	RELATING TO WHISTLEBLOWERS' PROTECTION.  Provides additional protection to public employees who report violations of the law, waste, and gross misconduct, incompetence, or inefficiency; expands the state ombudsman's responsibilities regarding whistleblowers; and appropriates funds.	LAB, JUD, FIN
HB 868	RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH. Prohibits an employer from subjecting an employee to an abusive work environment; provides legal recourse for employees who have been psychologically, physically, or economically harmed as a result of being deliberately subjected to an abusive work environment.	LAB, EDB, JUD

#### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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