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## COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAXATION

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE:

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

TIME:

1:15 pm

PLACE:

Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street A G E N D A

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HB 1670 HD2 (HSCR1112)

#### RELATING TO THE INGENUITY CHARTER.

Establishes the Ingenuity Company to facilitate the development of intellectual property, uphold high labor and environmental standards, and provide funds for instruction in the public schools that encourages innovation by Hawaii's students. (HB1670 HD2)

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HB 598 HD1 (HSCR982)

#### RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Creates an online learning task force to develop a systematic plan to expand opportunities for online learning, to enhance the learning experiences of students across the state. (HB598 HD1)

## HB 1268 HD3 (HSCR1180)

#### RELATING TO INNOVATION IN EDUCATION.

Establishes the Hawaii Excellence Through Science and Technology Academy Program to increase the readiness and motivation of public high school graduates to pursue post secondary training and career options in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Establishes the Fostering Inspiration and Relevance Through Science and Technology Pre-academy Program. Establishes a professional development program to provide practicing public elementary, middle, and high school science and mathematics teachers with opportunities to increase their knowledge and understanding of recent developments in science, technology, and mathematics. Provides stipends as an initiative for individuals who hold degrees in STEM subjects to obtain teaching certificates through the UH's post baccalaureate certificate in secondary education program. Creates the Business and Education Internship and Mentorship Program. Establishes an Eminent Scholars Program to be funded by the State Akamai Investment Matching Special Fund, to enable UH to provide matching funds for donations to establish at least five permanently endowed chairs in the STEM disciplines at UH. Appropriates funds.

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(HB1268 HD3)

### **EDT Only**

HB 1411 HD2 (HSCR952) RELATING TO CONFORMITY OF THE HAWAII INCOME TAX

LAW TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

Amends Hawaii's income tax law to conform with changes to the

Internal Revenue Code. (HB1411 HD2)

HB 310

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY.

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HD2 (HSCR945) Establishes a statewide Internet access task force to study the

feasibility of creating a statewide Internet access network. Requires the

Auditor to develop a plan for a high-speed Internet access system.

(HB310 HD2)

HB 567

RELATING TO MOTOR SPORTS FACILITY.

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HD1 (HSCR1149) Requires the department of accounting and general services to conduct a study to determine the cost of developing an all-purpose motor sports facility on Oahu, including acquisition of land, construction, and costs

of start-up, maintenance, and operation (HB567 HD1).

## Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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