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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007

DATE:

Friday, March 30, 2007

TIME:

1:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 211

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

(Deferred from Thursday, March 29, 2007)

HB 1277 HD2, SD2 RELATING TO TAX CREDITS.

TSG, EDT, WAM

Establishes a tax credit for the revitalization of the leeward coast.

Provides an income tax credit for affordable rental housing,

educational and training facilities, and commercial projects constructed

on the leeward coast of Oahu. Repeals the Ko Olina Resort and

Marina and Makaha Resort tax credit. (SD2)

HB 652 HD2, SD1 RELATING TO DAM SAFETY.

WAH, WAM

Adds extensive provisions to the dam safety chapter to improve safety to dams and reservoirs in the State. Creates dam safety special fund.

(SD1)

HB 1270

HD2, SD1

RELATING TO STATE PLANNING.

WAH, WAM

Clarifies the office of planning's role in maintaining and coordinating a

statewide enterprise geographic information system (GIS).

Appropriates funds to support the implementation of a GIS software enterprise license agreement. Establishes a special fund to help support the operation and maintenance of the statewide planning and

geographic information system. Appropriates funds for the development of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. (SD1)

HB 1848

HD2, SD1

RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES.

WAH, WAM

Encourages the department of land and natural resources to work with local communities to manage near shore reef resources through the maka'i o ke kai program. Provides grants for community-based marines resource management. Establishes the community-based marine resource management advisory committee to advise the

department of land and natural resources' on resource management and

fisheries' rules. (SD1)

HB 1292 HD1, SD1 RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

JDL, WAM

Repeals provisions that allow: elective officers to exercise their option to join the ERS at any time during their term of office; and elective officers and judges to withdraw from ERS membership while remaining in office. Repeals the provisions that make ERS membership by elective officers optional and replaces those provisions with a new section that requires elective officers to exercise a one-time irrevocable option to join the ERS when they are elected for the first time (or, in the case of existing office holders, by February 1, 2008). Sets forth the circumstances under which retirants may return to service as elective officers without suspension of retirement benefits. Repeals the provision that allows elective officers and judges who have reached the statutory cap on retirement benefits to withdraw from ERS membership by nominally retiring even though they remain in office. (HB1292 HD1 SD1)

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-6800.