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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

FRIDAY, February 22, 2008

TIME:

3:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA#6

HB 2823, HD2

(HSCR637-08)

Status

RELATING TO DAM SAFETY.

Establishes limitations on liability for damages for owners and

(Email Testimony)

HB 3016, HD2

(HSCR636-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

HB 3391, HD1

(HSCR432-08) Status

(Email Testimony)

HB 2687, HD1

(HSCR567-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

HB 2756 (HSCR302-08)

Status

operators of dams and reservoirs.

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Authorize Department of Land and Natural Resources' Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers to use electric guns while

performing their duties upon the receipt of accreditation or recognition.

(HB3016 HD2)

RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES.

Requires the department of land and natural resources to assess and

report the status of Hawaii's marine ecosystems.

RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES.

Requires the department of land and natural resources to: review each rule adopted after 01/1/08, concerning the protection and propagation of certain aquatic life or the conservation and allocation of the natural

supply of aquatic life; determine whether the rule is achieving its intended purpose; and submit a report. Sunsets on 12/31/20.

RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL LOAN GUARANTEE

PROGRAM.

Establishes a hospital loan guarantee program to guarantee a portion of

a loan by a private financial institution to a hospital that is

(Email Testimony) experiencing short-term financial problems. Repealed 6/30/20. HB 2757, HD1 (HSCR406-08) RELATING TO HOSPITALS.

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Status

Establishes a hospital capital loan program under department of health. Requires loan to a private hospital in the state with an annual patient

population of sixty per cent or more of uninsured, medicaid, and

medicare patients. (Email Testimony)

HB 2758, HD1

(HSCR407-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO HEALTH.

Requires the Department of Taxation (DOTAX) to defer general excise tax collection for a for-profit hospital group that provides services to

an annual patient population consisting of sixty per cent or more uninsured, medicaid and medicare patients for hospital operations

between July 1, 2008, and an unspecified date. Also requires DOTAX to collect the deferred taxes plus interest after the unspecified date. Provides for immediate payment of deferred taxes, interest, and

penalty upon occurrence of certain events.

HB 2759, HD1

(HSCR462-08) Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

Extends the general excise tax exemption for hospitals, infirmaries, and sanitaria to for-profit hospitals, that provide services to an annual

patient population consisting of sixty per cent or more uninsured, medicaid, and medicare patients. Makes conforming amendments.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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