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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

January 24, 2008

TIME:

8:30AM

PLACE:

Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 2000

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

HSH, CPC, FIN

Requires that hearing aid devices be included in mandatory insurance

coverage for medicaid and private health insurance.

HB 1998

RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF BLIND, DEAF, AND DEAF-

HSH, FIN

BLIND PERSONS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

Appropriates funds for a survey of the number of blind, deaf, and deaf-

blind persons in the State of Hawaii.

HB 2037

RELATING TO FAMILY COURT.

HSH, JUD, FIN

Establishes the procedures and requirements for child custody

evaluator training and certification.

HB 2027

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

HSH, FIN

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a pilot project to develop or contract to develop and operate programs to provide

services and support for at-risk children from low-income families.

HB 2043

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD ALLOWANCE

HSH, HED, FIN

FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. Allows a former foster youth to be eligible for higher education board

allowance until the age of twenty-one and for a period of five and onehalf years. Makes an appropriation for this purpose.

HB 2051

RELATING TO EDUCATION FOR FOSTER CHILDREN.

HSH, EDN, FIN

Establishes rules for school placement and transportation for foster

children.



<u>HB 2140</u>	RELATING TO THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a pilot project to assist undocumented immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.	HSH, JUD, FIN
<u>HB 2184</u>	RELATING TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY. Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to establish, update, and define the self-sufficiency standard.	HSH, EDB, FIN
<u>HB 2198</u>	RELATING TO CAREGIVING. Establishes a task force to focus on the needs of and issues facing grandparents raising grandchildren.	HSH, JUD, FIN
HB 2195	RELATING TO AGING. Makes an appropriation to increase funding for kupuna care program administered by the executive office on aging.	HSH, FIN
HB 2203	RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. Makes appropriation to DBEDT to create one staff position to establish and update biannually a self-sufficiency standard for Hawaii.	HSH, EDB, FIN
<u>HB 2036</u>	RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Changes the classification of the offense of promoting intoxicating liquor to a minor from a misdemeanor to a petty misdemeanor. Allows the courts to impose a jail sentence for those convicted of the offense.	HSH, JUD
HB 2046	RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS. Expands the provisions of individual development accounts.	HSH, FIN
HB 2047	RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS. Appropriates funds for the individual development account program, instead of making grants. Requires the department of human services to provide technical and administrative assistance to entities seeking to become fiduciary organizations. Prohibits fiduciary organizations from using more than 25% of state funds per year for operating costs.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB 2136</u>	RELATING TO CARE HOMES. Increases payments for level of care for ARCH types I and II, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes by 7% from \$641.90 to \$686.83 for level I and from \$749.90 to \$802.39 for level II beginning on 7/1/08. Appropriation.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB 2194</u>	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD. Appropriates funds for the state commission on fatherhood.	HSH, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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