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## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE:

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 309

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

### AGENDA

HB 3368

RELATING TO LABOR.

LAB, JUD, FIN

Requires that contracts subject to certain wage requirements contain

provisions allowing employees to organize.

HB 3029

RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS.

LAB, EDB, FIN

Includes as public works, construction contracts using public lands for

commercial, for-profit activity.

HB 2544

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

LAB, CPC, FIN

Provides parameters for conducting medical examinations when determining permanent partial disability in workers compensation

cases.

HB 2929

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

LAB, CPC, FIN

Requires independent medical examinations to be performed by

mutually agreed upon physicians, and by employer's physician.

HB 2545

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

LAB, CPC, FIN

Provides that an independent physician be selected to conduct medical

examinations in cases where major and elective surgery, or either, is contemplated or in cases where an employee or employer are

dissatisfied with the medical progress.

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<u>HB 2752</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Requires that the physician performing an independent medical examination be licensed in the State for 5 years, be subject to peer review, and be known in the local medical community to have been in the practice of treating injured employees and conducting independent medical examinations for the employers. Repeals authority of employer to appoint a physician to examine the employee where the employer is dissatisfied with the progress of the case or where surgery is contemplated. Prohibits more than one independent medical examination per case.	LAB, CPC, FIN
<u>НВ 2573</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS COMPENSATION. Increases workers compensation fee schedule from one hundred ten to one hundred twenty percent.	LAB, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 2390</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Requires the employer's carrier to submit annual reports to the director of labor and industrial relations on the costs of its policies.	LAB, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 2441</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.  Provides for workers' compensation coverage for students participating in school-approved work-based learning programs sponsored by the department of education or the University of Hawaii.	LAB, EDN, FIN
<u>HB 3164</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION NEGOTIATION FOR BENEFIT COVERAGE.  Provides public unions and employers the same ability as private unions and their signatory employers to collectively design and enter into an alternative workers' compensation systems.	LAB, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 3163</u>	RELATING TO THE SPECIAL FUND FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS.  Amends the purpose of the special fund for disability benefits to allow for the use of currently available funds for automation purposes. Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the special fund for disability benefits for automation of the department of labor and industrial relations' disability compensation division.	LAB, EDB, FIN
<u>HB 3169</u>	RELATING TO LIFELONG LEARNING ACCOUNTS. Establishes a Lifelong Learning Accounts program and tax credit in the department of labor and industrial relations to support upgraded training for the incumbent workforce, and encourages participation by employers and employees through tax credit incentives.	LAB, EDB, FIN
<u>HB 3141</u>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES.  Provides flexibility and reliability to the hiring and contracting processes by exempting from civil service law positions or contracts lasting up to one year with non-government entities for personal services.	LAB, EDB, FIN

HB 3162

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

LAB, EDB, FIN

Transfer the Workforce Development Council from the Department of

Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to assist in aligning Hawaii's workforce development policy with the State's economic development

initiatives.

HB 3145

RELATING TO STATE AND COUNTY CONTRACTS FOR

LAB, EDB, FIN

SERVICES.

Authorizes the procurement of contracts for services by the State and counties and exempts the contracts from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised

### **DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW**

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