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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2008
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 2273 Testimony	RELATING TO DIGITAL MEDIA. Authorizes the department of labor and industrial relations to implement and operate media production training programs. Amends the motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit to allow a tax credit on fifty per cent of wages paid to below-the-line crew who are Hawaii residents that meet certain training and certification requirements.	EDT, WAM
SB 2266 Testimony	RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. Requires 75% local hire to qualify for the motion picture, digital media, and film production tax credit and excludes media productions from the definition of "qualified high technology business".	EDT, WAM
SB 2829 Testimony	RELATING TO TAXATION. Adopts amendments to Hawaii tax laws to implement the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.	EDT, WAM



<u>SB 3114</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO REVENUE AUTHORITIES ADMINISTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT. Establishes a twenty per cent penalty for erroneous refund or credit claims. Clarifies that information discussed in a public board of review hearing is public information. Provides authority for taxpayer and the department of taxation to redact parts of a social security number in tax returns filed with the tax appeal court. Amends conformity law to allow discretion in submitting a digest to the legislature and requires testimony by the department of taxation. Makes technical corrections to conform Hawaii tax law to the internal revenue code for purposes of the "Kiddie Tax." Clarifies the uses of funds available in the tax administration special fund. Extends the capital goods excise tax credit to include canned computer software. Clarifies the general excise tax wholesale rate for sales of tangible personal property. Clarifies that the general excise tax exemption for building and repair of a surface vessel applies to subsurface vessels. Clarifies tax lien recording requirements. Adds an exemption for the proper use of social security numbers for tax administration.	EDT, WAM
<u>SB 3167</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO KAKAAKO. Provides an unspecified tax credit for real property in the Kakaako community development district zoned I-1 and I-2 for a portion of the industrial real property tax assessment imposed by the city and county of Honolulu; provided that the property was in use for light industrial, wholesaling, or service and commercial operations in the year in which the tax credit is taken and retains I-1 or I-2 zoning; clarifies that the HCDA may, not shall, affix assessments against real property for district-wide improvements.	EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2757</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. Provides a one-time nonrefundable tax credit to assist the victims of the Waialua brushfires on Oahu in 2007.	EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2456</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HARASSMENT. Adds computer communication as a form of nonconsensual contact in the offense of harassment by stalking.	EDT, JDL
<u>SB 2457</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HARASSMENT. Provides that harassment includes all computer communications.	EDT, JDL
<u>SB 2458</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION. Establishes the offense of criminal impersonation, making it a petty misdemeanor to impersonate another person and place the person at risk of bodily injury.	EDT, JDL
<u>SB 2745</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO DEFAMATION. Establishes that communication of defamatory statements by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail, or other computer communication meets the requirement of publication.	EDT, JDL
<u>SB 2340</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT. Makes an appropriation for costs associated with applying for a spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration.	EDT/TSG, WAM



[SB 2362](#)

[Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS AUTHORITY. EDT/TSG, WAM

Establishes the Hawaii entertainment and sports authority to market, promote, develop, and coordinate entertainment and sports-related activities and events. Provides for funding and appropriates funds for the authority's establishment and operations.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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