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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Saturday, February 07, 2009

TIME:

9:00 am

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 313

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

TRN, FIN

Status

Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct more frequent reviews of the condition of highway guardrails on the island of Hawaii that are deteriorating from exposure to acid rain caused by vog. Requires DOT to research measures and technology that could be

used to prevent guardrail deterioration.

<u>HB 318</u>

RELATING TO VOG.

AGR/HED, FIN

Status

Requires the Department of Agriculture to work with the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, to determine best methods of vog treatment and research vog-resistant

varieties of plants; appropriates funding.

HB 316

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

PBS/AGR, FIN

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Status

Establishes a temporary reimbursement program for tenants of state agricultural lands in **vog**-impacted areas to reimburse tenants for costs of repair and maintenance of fencing and other infrastructure repair

and maintenance.

HB 312 Status RELATING TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

Directs the Department of Defense to develop and implement a

program to ensure that an adequate number of monitors to detect sulfur dioxide are strategically placed throughout areas of the state where

high incidences of vog, sulfur dioxide, or both occur.

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HB 317

RELATING TO MOBILE MEDICAL CARE.

HLT/PBS, FIN

Status

Authorizes the use of federal Homeland Security Grant Program funds to provide the people of the southern portion of the island of Hawaii

with increased access to suitable emergency and clinical medical care.

(Mobile Medical Van; Vog Health Care)

HB 314

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

LAB, FIN

Status

Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to develop rules for workers' compensation claims involving vog- related medical

conditions.

HB 315

RELATING TO VOLCANIC EMISSIONS.

LAB, FIN

Status

Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, in consultation with the Department of Health and the Interagency Task

Force on Vog, to establish standards to promote worker safety during

high incidences of vog or sulfur dioxide.

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