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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Wednesday, February 04, 2009

TIME:

2:00 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 273 Status

RELATING TO THE REAL ESTATE LICENSEES.

CPC, JUD

Excludes licensed real estate brokers and salespersons from the definition of "distressed property consultant" in the Mortgage Foreclosure Rescue Fraud Prevention Act, and adds to real estate licensing laws prohibitions against certain conduct by licensed real estate brokers and salespersons that specifically relate to distressed

property.

HB 1076 Status

RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE MORTGAGE RESCUE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT TO REAL ESTATE

CPC, JUD

LICENSEES.

Excludes real estate licensees from the definition of distressed property consultant in Act 137, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, the Mortgage Foreclosure Rescue Fraud Prevention Act, and adds to section 467-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prohibitions against certain conduct by real

estate licensees that specifically relate to distressed property.

HB 1695 Status

RELATING TO MORTGAGES.

CPC, JUD

Makes various amendments to the Mortgage Rescue Fraud Prevention

Act.

HB 874 Status

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

CPC, JUD

Prohibits transfer fees required by a deed restriction or covenant.

Effective 11/1/09.

HB 1561 Status

RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND

CPC, JUD

SALESPERSONS.

Specifies that acting as a real estate broker and salesperson pursuant to

a real estate license does not constitute the practice of law.

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HB 1602

RELATING TO APPRAISALS.

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Status

Requires a real estate appraiser to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice when acting as an appraiser or

arbitrator in an arbitration to determine the value or rental of real

estate.

HB 997

RELATING TO CONTRACTORS.

CPC, LMG

Status

Modifies the composition of the contractors license board to require that at least 3 members of the board to be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the speaker of the house of representatives and

at least 3 from a list submitted by the president of the senate.

HB 1030

RELATING TO METAL.

CPC, JUD

Status

Removes sunset clause in Act 197, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007,

which contains a repeal date of July 1, 2009.

HB 1414

RELATING TO METAL.

CPC, JUD

Status

Repeals the 07/01/09 "sunset" date in Act 53, SLH 2008, that

established the misdemeanor offense of theft of beer keg and imposed recordkeeping requirements on scrap metal dealers that purchase beer

kegs. Effective 06/30/09.

HB 164

RELATING TO PREPAID CALLING CARDS.

CPC, JUD

<u>Status</u> Requires companies selling prepaid calling cards to disclose the terms

and services of the cards. Makes a violation of disclosure requirement

an unfair or deceptive act or practice.

HB 1316

RELATING TO TORTS.

CPC, JUD

Status

Abolishes joint and several liability for design professionals except when design professional's degree of negligence is 25% or more.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Decision making only on the following measures that were previously heard on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 29</u>, <u>2009</u>. No public testimony will be accepted.

HB 508

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

CPC, EBM

Status

Requires a business to provide commercial motor vehicle insurance coverage for delivery persons who use their own motor vehicles to

make deliveries for the business.

HB 206 Status RELATING TO CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES.

CPC, JUD

Bars credit reporting agencies from charging consumers who are at least 65 years old a fee for placing, lifting, or removing a security freeze on their credit reports. Provides an expedited manner for

temporarily lifting a security freeze.

HB 447

RELATING TO PAYDAY LENDING.

CPC, FIN

Status

Requires check cashing (deferred deposit) businesses to register with DCCA, post and provide consumers with rate, fee, and other information, keep records, and report to DCCA; regulates payment

information, keep records, and report to DCCA; regulates payment plans; exempts check casher fees and interest from general excise tax;

regulates retailers who occasionally cash checks.

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