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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

TIME:

8:30 A.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 309

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

SB 63, SD2 (SSCR673)

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

LAB, FIN

Status

Requires an employer to pay temporary total disability benefits regardless of whether the employer controverts the right to benefits. Specifies that the employee's ability to return to work is to be decided

by the employee's treating physician. Convenes a working group. Effective on 7/1/2090 for the convening of the working group: 7/1/2100 if there is no consensus among the working group. (SD2)

SB 64 (SSCR36) Status

RELATING TO THE LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD.

LAB, JUD, FIN

Authorizes the labor and industrial relations appeals board (appeal board) to utilize a hearings officer and allow that hearings officer to

hold a hearing, in order for the appeal board to expedite hearings on certain workers' compensation matters.

SB 667, SD2

RELATING TO WHISTLEBLOWERS' PROTECTION.

LAB, JUD, FIN

(SSCR784) Status

Provides additional protection to public employees who report

violations of the law, and other improper activities such as waste, gross misconduct, incompetence, or inefficiency. Expands the DLIR's

responsibilities regarding whistleblowers. (SD2)

SB 690, SD2 (SSCR699)

Status

RELATING TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL MOVEMENTS.

Allows for the exchange or movement of civil service employees between the State and any county, between counties, between the federal government and the State, or between the federal government

and any county; provided certain conditions are met. (SD2)

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SB 1122, SD2 (SSCR793) Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Amends various sections of the HRS to comply with Act 253, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, which places restrictions on the creation of civil service exempt positions and requires an annual review of exempt positions to determine whether they should be converted to civil service positions. (SD2)	LAB, FIN
SB 1126, SD2 (SSCR694) Status	RELATING TO JOB-SHARING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Authorizes the agencies of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches to establish a voluntary job-sharing program. Effective 01/01/90. (SD2)	LAB, FIN
SB 905, SD2 (SSCR688) Status	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. Transfers the Office of Community Services from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of Human Services. (SD2)	LAB, HUS, FIN
SB 1203, SD2 (SSCR773) Status	RELATING TO COMMUNITY SERVICE. Requires the DLIR's office of community services to establish a voluntary community service program for all residents between the ages of 15 and 18. Requires DLIR to report to the legislature. (SD2)	LAB, HUS, FIN
<u>SB 1125, SD2</u> (<u>SSCR778</u>) <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Enacts the responsible construction contractor law for government procurements of construction projects. Provides procurement preference to contractors who are party to a registered apprenticeship agreement. (SD2)	LAB, EBM, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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