

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

2:00 p.m.

Conference Room 309; State Capitol

AGENDA:

HB 346 Status	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes an undergraduate degree program in applied engineering at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Creates a special advisory committee. Appropriates funds for the committee and two faculty positions.	HED, FIN
HB 1617 Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO. Establishes the office of the vice chancellor for research and economic development at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.	HED, FIN
HB 1618 Status	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds to support the statewide economic development program of the Hawaii small business development center network.	HED, EBM, FIN
HB 1174 Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Grants authority to the University of Hawaii to adopt administrative rules to help manage and regulate public activity on lands it leases and controls on Mauna Kea, including the Mauna Kea Science Reserve, Hale Pohaku, and the connecting roadway corridor. Allows the University to assess and collect administrative fines and to deposit such fines into a newly established Mauna Kea Management Special Fund.	HED, JUD, FIN
HB 347 Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Exempts the University of Hawaii from Hawaii public procurement code requirements.	HED, FIN

<u>HB 1546</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the construction of an information technology building at the University of Hawaii.	HED, FIN
<u>HB 1369</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes loan repayment program and housing stipend program for University of Hawaii medical school graduates practicing in counties with a population of less than 500,000 for a minimum of 6 years.	HED, HLT, FIN
<u>HB 1307</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY. Establishes a technology and innovation extension service at the University of Hawaii.	HED, EBM, FIN
<u>HB 1353</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CENTER. Establishes a Youth Center within the University of Hawaii to identify and address major global issues.	HED, TCI, FIN
<u>HB 1501</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM. Requires the board of regents to auction the naming rights to buildings on the University of Hawaii-West Oahu campus, with the proceeds to be deposited into the University of Hawaii-West Oahu special fund to be used for electric generation from renewable energy resources.	HED, EEP, FIN
<u>HB 154</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF. Provides an income tax check-off of an unspecified amount to be allocated as follows: 50% equally to the 10 UH system campuses; 25% to UH Manoa; and 25% to the UH Hilo athletics program.	HED, FIN
<u>HB 1057</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM. Supports investment in a child's future by allowing family members and friends to contribute to State established HI529 college savings accounts that currently only account owners can contribute to.	HED, FIN

[HB 1420](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. HED, FIN
Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds
for capital improvement projects to improve certain
UH athletic facilities.

Decision making to follow.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Tuesday, February 3, 2009
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325; State Capitol

AGENDA:

[HB 74](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT. JUD
Amends the crime of disorderly conduct to include
impeding or obstructing the use of or access to a bus
stop by laying across any bench or more than one
seat provided at the bus stop or sleeping on the
ground within or abutting any bus stop shelter or
other bus stop structure. Effective 1/1/2010.

[HB 294](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO PERSONAL LIABILITY OF TRUSTEE TO JUD
THIRD PARTIES.
Amends Hawaii Probate Code provisions on personal
liability of a trustee for consistency with Uniform
Probate Code.

[HB 290](#)
[Status](#) MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE JUDICIAL JUD, FIN
SELECTION COMMISSION.
Appropriates funds for the operation of the judicial
selection commission.

[HB 293](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS. JUD
Modifies requirements related to the basis for court
appointment of a conservator.

[HB 128](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO ELECTIONS. JUD
Makes nomination papers available until the 58th day
prior to the deadline for filing nomination papers.
Provides 3 additional business days for candidates to
file papers if there are no candidates for an office.

<u>HB 509</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Requires incumbent elected officials to file nomination papers for re-election 7 days prior to the filing deadline for non-incumbents.	JUD
<u>HB 510</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Extends the filing deadline by 5 days in cases where a candidate withdraws less than 5 days prior to the filing deadline.	JUD
<u>HB 613</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Requires the office of elections to develop a standard withdrawal and declaration of candidacy form by 01/01/2010. Requires a candidate to file the standard form to withdraw as a candidate prior to the subsequent filing of nomination papers for any other elective office.	JUD
<u>HB 615</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HARASSMENT. Provides that harassment includes all digital communications.	JUD
<u>HB 622</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HARASSMENT. Adds digital communication as a form of nonconsensual contact in the offense of harassment by stalking.	JUD
<u>HB 625</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SURCHARGE FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES. Increases the initial filing fee for civil actions.	JUD, FIN
<u>HB 779</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM FOREIGN-COUNTRY MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT. Enacts Uniform Foreign Country Money Judgments Recognition Act and in so doing, replaces and updates similar law codified as chapter 658C, HRS. Updates former law by, among other things, allocating burden of proof with respect to application of law, setting out procedure for obtaining recognition of foreign country money judgments, expanding grounds for denying recognition and allocating burden of proof to do so. Establishes statute of limitations.	JUD, FIN

[HB 782](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO THE UNIFORM MEDIATION ACT. JUD, FIN
Adopts the Uniform Mediation Act. Provides certain rules for mediations. Establishes a privilege that assures confidentiality of mediations in legal proceedings. Protects integrity and knowing consent through provisions that provide exceptions to the privilege, limit disclosures by the mediator to judges and others who may rule on the case, requires mediators to disclose conflicts of interest, and assures that parties may bring a lawyer or other support person to the mediation session.

[HB 1016](#)
[Status](#) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. JUD, FIN
Makes appropriations for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees.

Decision making to follow.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, February 4, 2009
8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 309; State Capitol

AGENDA:

[HB 923](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. TRN, JUD
Allows for the operation of larger articulated buses used for public transit purposes on public roadways.

[HB 1159](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY. TRN, JUD, FIN
Modifies the current reckless driving law to include defined penalties for first-time offenders and repeat offenders guilty of one or more traffic violations under the State's Traffic Code.

[HB 1702](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO PUBLIC ROADS. TRN, CPC, FIN
Allows any person to file for a contested case hearing to determine jurisdiction over a public road and establishes the determination process.

<u>HB 1463</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO COUNTY HIGHWAY PATROLS. Allows counties to establish highway patrols as part of police departments; requires uncontested traffic fines and forfeitures to be transmitted to the counties for highway patrols.	TRN, JUD, FIN
<u>HB 877</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS. Permits person convicted of habitual operation of a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant to be released under supervision, after completion of mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on conditions that include use of a transdermal alcohol monitoring device at the defendant's own expense.	TRN, JUD
<u>HB 758</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES. Authorizes and sets forth procedures for impounding a motor vehicle after a person has been fined three or more times for operating a vehicle without a valid certificate of inspection, or for operating a vehicle without being duly licensed, without a valid insurance card, or without a valid insurance policy.	TRN, JUD
<u>HB 768</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY. Requires all noncommercial vehicles to undergo a vehicle safety inspection every 2 years. Directs the department of transportation to increase inspection fees to double the current rate.	TRN, FIN
<u>HB 1655</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MOPEDS. Requires mopeds to have license plates, similar to motorcycles, as opposed to tags. Treats mopeds like motor vehicles instead of bicycles for registration purposes.	TRN, JUD, FIN
<u>HB 1518</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. Authorizes motor vehicle towing companies to add the general excise tax to the fees charged to the owner of a motor vehicle left unattended on private or public property.	TRN, JUD, FIN

[HB 1225](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO REGULATION. TRN, CPC, FIN
Establishes a transportation carrier commission to regulate water and motor carriers. Removes such carriers from the jurisdiction of the public utilities commission.

[HB 1168](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO AIRPORTS. TRN, JUD, FIN
To provide statutory authority to allow the Department of Transportation to adopt rules that require certain private persons who use the State's commercial airports, to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the State and any of its agencies, officers, and employees, against all claims that arise from such use.

Decision making to follow.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 4, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 312; State Capitol

AGENDA:

[HB 1471](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO FARMS. TCI/AGR, FIN
Establishes a pilot program to develop safe food certification for small farms that form agricultural cooperatives and establish purchasing agreements with hotels and restaurants.

[HB 246](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO BIODIESEL FEEDSTOCK. AGR, EEP, FIN
Appropriation for Hawaii county economic opportunity council for operation of laboratory and research farm expansion for the Hawaii biotech tissue culture center to mass produce biodiesel feedstock.

[HB 213](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT. AGR, FIN
Requires agencies issuing permits, licenses, or approval to expedite permit applications of developments or improvements within agricultural parks and non-agricultural park lands.

<u>HB 918</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND USE. Allows construction of certain non-significant farming structures without a building permit.	AGR, WLO
<u>HB 889</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARKS. Makes farmers' markets a permitted use in an agricultural park.	AGR
<u>HB 244</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES. Directs public utilities to establish discounted rates for providing services used for agricultural activities located in agricultural districts	AGR, CPC
<u>HB 243</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. Appropriates funds for the repair and maintenance of irrigation systems.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 240</u> <u>Status</u>	MAKING A GRANT-IN-AID APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTIES TO FINANCE DROUGHT MITIGATION PROJECTS AND MEASURES. Appropriates funds to the counties for drought mitigation purposes.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 255</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Directs department of agriculture, in conjunction with agribusiness development corporation, to develop an agricultural water plan for Ka`u and south Kona.	AGR, FIN

Decision making to follow.

Decision making only (heard on Friday, January 30, 2009):

<u>HB 237</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MACADAMIA NUTS. Appropriates funds to fund a marketing study for Hawaii's macadamia nut industry, including the best structure for the establishment of a Hawaii Macadamia Nut Commission.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 404</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes an agricultural products transportation program to provide grants to qualified agricultural producers to alleviate ocean and air intrastate transportation costs.	AGR, FIN

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 329; State Capitol

AGENDA:

HB 1660 Status	RELATING TO HAWAIIANS. Recognizes Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawaii.	HAW, JUD
HB 1667 Status	RELATING TO CEDED LANDS. Prohibits the board of land and natural resources from selling, exchanging, or otherwise alienating ceded lands in the public land trust.	HAW, WLO/JUD, FIN
HB 1805 Status	RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. Prohibits the disposition in fee simple of ceded lands.	HAW, WLO/JUD, FIN
HB 1841 Status	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LANDS TRUST. Prohibits the sale, exchange or other permanent transfer of lands in the public lands trust to a private entity; requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to make an inventory of lands in the public lands trust; appropriates funds for the inventory, to be matched by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.	HAW, WLO/JUD, FIN
HB 902 Status	RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. Prohibits the disposition in fee simple of ceded lands.	HAW, WLO/JUD, FIN

Decision making to follow.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 325; State Capitol,

AGENDA:

HB 357 Status	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Generally, allows state and county agencies to hire third party reviewers to facilitate the processing and issuance of building permits for affordable housing projects.	HSG, LAB, FIN
HB 360 Status	RELATING TO HOUSING. Expedites project reviews for mixed-use housing and related infrastructure projects to stimulate affordable housing development.	HSG, FIN
HB 1187 Status	RELATING TO THE HOMELESS. Assists the homeless in reuniting with their families.	HSG, JUD, FIN
HB 1406 Status	RELATING TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE STATE HOMELESS PROGRAMS. Creates the office of homeless and community services under the department of human services and transfers the office of community services from the department of labor and industrial relations and the homeless programs from the Hawaii public housing authority to the department of human services.	HSG, JUD, FIN
HB 1440 Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING. Eliminates most procedural requirements preliminary to hearing for eviction of tenants from public housing. Requires evictions to be conducted by hearings officers appointed by the Hawaii public housing authority.	HSG, JUD

<u>HB 1441</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING. Requires the Hawaii public housing authority to implement policies that reduce vacancies in public housing by 20% each year for the next 4 years. Requires the authority to annually assess tenant income to determine their continued eligibility for public housing. Requires the authority to submit annual reports to the legislature on the number of vacant units in public housing projects and related information.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB 1521</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING. Shortens time for notice, meeting, and grievance requirements for violations with rental agreements, leases, violation of rules, or maintenance in public housing. Streamlines eviction process in public housing.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB 1580</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DATA COLLECTION. Requires the Department of Human Services, in cooperation with the Department of Health, to form a task force to evaluate what types of data would help homeless advocates provide services to the homeless, how the data should be collected, and how it should be reported.	HSG, HUS/HLT, FIN
<u>HB 1692</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Restricts federal and state low income housing leases in certain cases, to no more than 5 years.	HSG, JUD, FIN
<u>HB 1694</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING. Requires the Hawaii public housing authority to establish a minimum rent of \$250 per month for all state public housing units. Prohibits the Hawaii public housing authority from establishing preferences for tenant selection.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB 359</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING. Requires mandatory reporting for criminal property damage, drug dealing or drug use, and terroristic threatening. Requires the housing authority to evict tenants who violate rules.	HSG, JUD

<u>HB 202</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FORECLOSURES. Requires notification of mortgage foreclosure to the tenant of rental property by the successor in interest prior to termination of the rental agreement and commencement of summary possession proceedings. Provides that holdover tenants are liable to the successor in interest for the pro-rated share of rent and other charges authorized under the previous rental agreement, for each day the tenant remains in possession up until the commencement of summary possession proceedings, after which higher charges authorized under existing law apply.	HSG, CPC/JUD
<u>HB 331</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY. Requires that tenants of rental property be given sixty days written notice to vacate when the rental property is sold in foreclosure. Requires that tenants of rental property be notified when foreclosure proceedings have begun on the rental property.	HSG, CPC/JUD
<u>HB 443</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Requires landlord to give tenant prior notice of a foreclosure action and 30-day notice of foreclosure sale.	HSG, CPC
<u>HB 522</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FORECLOSURES. Requires mortgagees to provide notice to tenants of foreclosure and give them 45 days from the date of notice to vacate when their rental property is disposed of in either a judicial or non-judicial foreclosure.	HSG, JUD
<u>HB 525</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Makes a mortgagee in possession or purchaser of residential rental property that has been foreclosed upon subject to a rental agreement between the previous landlord and a tenant.	HSG, CPC/JUD
<u>HB 566</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Prohibits possession of open liquor containers in public housing common areas and on streets and sidewalks.	HSG, JUD

Decision making to follow.