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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

TIME:

9:00 A.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 309

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 2169 Status

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.

LAB, FIN

Sets, for calendar year 2010, the employer contribution rate at schedule D and the wage base at 90% of the average annual wage. Sets, for calendar year 2011, the employer contribution rate at schedule G. Retains the maximum weekly benefit rate beginning 01/01/2011 at 75% of the average weekly wage. Authorizes special assessments upon employers to pay the interest costs on loans received from the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

HB 2207 **Status**

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.

LAB, FIN

Applies contribution rates schedules E and F to calendar years 2010 and 2011, respectively, notwithstanding the ratio of the current reserve fund to the adequate reserve fund. Requires assessments upon employers to avoid federal penalties on outstanding loan balances on loans received from the U.S. Secretary of Labor when the balance in the unemployment compensation fund is insufficient to pay expected benefit claims. Permanently retains the adequate reserve fund at one times the product of the benefit cost rate multiplied by the total remuneration paid. Keeps the maximum weekly benefit amount at 75% of the average weekly wage, but reduces the maximum weekly benefit amount over the potential twenty-six week period of benefit eligibility.

HB 437 Status

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

LAB, FIN

Extends the maximum age for EUTF health benefits coverage for dependent-beneficiaries who are unmarried full-time students and are called to active duty in federal service with the National Guard or military reserves.

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HB 2103 Status

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

LAB, LMG, FIN

Authorizes nonsupervisory legislative employees to unionize through

the card check and expedited bargaining process.

HB 2102

RELATING TO CONTRACTORS.

LAB, CPC

Requires identification of licensed individuals performing electrical Status and plumbing work on a construction job site.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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