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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Monday, February 28, 2011

TIME:

3:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA#7

HB 837, HD1 (HSCR474)

Status

RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS. Authorizes an individual that is attached to a regular employer who is not offering work to receive unemployment insurance benefits even if

the individual voluntarily or involuntarily separates from part-time employment, with or without good cause. Effective July 1, 2011.

HB 1076 (HSCR262)

Status

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RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

Appropriates 2009 special administrative transfer for payment of

Unemployment Insurance administration expenses.

HB 1036 (HSCR343) RELATING TO FEDERAL TAX QUALIFICATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT

SYSTEM.

Adopts language, regarding death benefits for Employees' Retirement System member on qualified military service, required to maintain the tax-qualified status of the Employees' Retirement System and adopts provisions, for the commencement of benefits, required to maintain the

tax qualified status of the Employees' Retirement System.

HB 174 (HSCR2) Status

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Increases the members on the ERS board of trustees from eight to ten.

Establishes county representation on the ERS board of directors.

HB 169, HD1 (HSCR345) Status

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.

Enacts the optional total unemployment rate trigger. Appropriates funds for an automated extended benefit claims system. Effective

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<u>HB 341, HD2</u> (<u>HSCR587)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. Makes it unlawful for any employer or labor organization to suspend, discharge, or discriminate against an employee solely because the employee uses accrued and available sick leave. Allows an employer or labor organization to require written verification by a physician that the employee was ill. Effective January 7, 2059.	LAB/ERB, JUD, FIN
HB 1434, HD1 (HSCR341) Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS. Clarifies that up to six single violations of the prevailing wage law refers to each separate project where the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations finds a contractor in violation. Allows a violator to use an affirmative defense at appeal that the violation occurred unintentionally.	LAB, FIN
HB 587, HD1 (HSCR103) Status	RELATING TO COUNTIES. Authorizes the counties to appoint and remove their respective liquor administrators unless otherwise prescribed by their respective county charter.	LAB, FIN
HB 175, HD1 (HSCR3) Status	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. Requires one of the members of the EUTF board of trustees to be appointed by agreement of the mayors of the four counties and approved by the Hawaii State Association of Counties. Permits the Governor to fill the vacancy should it not be filled within sixty days.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB 1268</u> (HSCR261) Status	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Limits the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund board to contract for health benefits plans only with carriers that provide or administer prescription drug coverage together with medical benefits.	LAB, FIN
HB 1243, HD2 (HSCR492) Status	RELATING TO REPACKAGED DRUGS AND COMPOUND MEDICATIONS. Establishes price caps for the Hawaii workers' compensation insurance system for drugs, including repackaged drugs and compound medications. Effective July 1, 2050.	LAB/ERB, HLT, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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