# THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2011**

## COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

## NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2011

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

## AGENDA

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY. HB 300, HD2 JDL, WAM

Appropriates funds for the judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning (HSCR953) July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2013. Effective July 1, 2011.

(HB300 HD2) **Testimony** 

**Status** 

HB 169, HD2 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. JDL, WAM

Enacts the optional total unemployment rate trigger. Appropriates an (HSCR776) unspecified amount for an automated extended benefit claims system.

Effective January 1, 2030. (HB169 HD2) **Testimony** 

**Status** 

HB 354, HD1 RELATING TO TAX APPEALS. JDL, WAM

Prohibits discovery and limits the award of costs in controversies (HSCR623) involving small claim tax appeals. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB354

**Testimony** HD1)

**Status** 

HB 382, HD2 RELATING TO THE AUDITOR. JDL, WAM

Grants explicit authority to the Auditor to inspect the documents and (HSCR790) financial affairs of the Department of Taxation. Requires the Auditor to implement internal policies to protect confidentiality of private **Testimony** personal information contained in tax returns. Provides penalty **Status** 

provisions applicable to the Auditor or Auditor's agent for disclosure of

tax information. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB382 HD2)

RELATING TO REAPPORTIONMENT. JDL, WAM HB 838, HD2

Makes an emergency appropriation of \$732,430 for fiscal year 2010-(HSCR601) 2011 to support reapportionment and authorizes five full-time temporary positions within the Office of Elections. (HB838 HD2) **Testimony** 

Status

RELATING TO SALARIES. HB 575, HD1 JDL, WAM Extends the five per cent legislative salary decrease from June 30, (HSCR676) 2011, to June 30, 2013. Applies the five per cent salary reduction to executive and judicial branch positions. Effective June 29, 2011. **Testimony** (HB575 HD1) **Status** HB 801, HD2 RELATING TO TAXATION. JDL, WAM Clarifies the Department of Taxation's subpoena authority for civil and (HSCR866) criminal investigations. (HB801 HD2) **Testimony Status** HB 814, HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. JDL, WAM Limits the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to providing (HSCR667) group life insurance benefits only to retired employees who retired before July 1, 2011. Maintains the flat dollar contribution for the **Testimony** group life benefit of retired employees and repeals the annual **Status** adjustment. Repeals provisions pertaining to the negotiation of group life insurance contributions for active employees. Effective July 1, 2011. (HB814 HD1) RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES AND FEES. JDL, WAM HB 823, HD1 Reallocates fees collected from certain administrative processing costs (HSCR744) to the judiciary computer system special fund, and the general fund. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB823 HD1) **Testimony Status** RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH JDL, WAM HB 1041, HD2 BENEFITS TRUST FUND. (HSCR913) Eliminates medicare part B reimbursements for employee-beneficiaries and spouses of employee-beneficiaries hired after June 30, 2011. **Testimony** Effective July 1, 2011. (HB1041 HD2) **Status** RELATING TO EFFECT OF FINDING OF UNFITNESS TO JDL HB 1069, HD2 PROCEED. (HSCR700) Establishes specific time frames for a commitment or release on conditions when unfit defendants are charged with petty misdemeanors **Testimony** for sixty days, and non-violent misdemeanors for one hundred twenty **Status** days. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB1069 HD2) HB 1070, HD2 RELATING TO CONDITIONAL RELEASE TIMEFRAMES. JDL, WAM Specifies that any person acquitted on the grounds of a physical or (HSCR701) mental defect and who was charged with a petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or violation can be granted conditional release for no

**Testimony** 

**Status** 

HB 1076, HD1

(HSCR783) **Testimony** 

**Status** 

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

Earmarks 2009 special administrative transfer for payment of Unemployment Insurance administration expenses. Effective July 1, JDL, WAM

more than one year. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB1070 HD2)

2030. (HB1076 HD1)

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HB 1085, HD2

RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

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(HSCR805)

**Testimony** 

**Status** 

This measure amends Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to bring the Hawaii statutes on controlled substances to be consistent with the federal laws on controlled substances, and increases the fee for the registration certificate for qualifying patients for medical marijuana.

Effective January 7, 2059. (HB1085 HD2)

HB 1092, HD1

**Status** 

(HSCR681)

**Testimony** 

RELATING TO TAXATION.

Provides for the taxation of the pension income of: (1) An individual filer with federal adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or more; (2) A joint or surviving spouse filer with federal adjusted gross income of

\$200,000 or more; and (3) a head of household with federal adjusted gross income of \$150,000 or more. Makes the deduction for state taxes paid, inoperative for the same taxpayers. Effective upon its approval and applicable to taxpayer years beginning after December

31, 2010. (HB1092 HD1)

HB 1513, HD1

(HSCR909)

**Testimony** 

**Status** 

RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY.

Establishes a Permanent Weed and Seed program within DLIR. Appropriates funds. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB1513 HD1) JDL, WAM

# Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- By Email: Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Committee at JDLTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov . Please indicate the measure, date and time of the hearing. Email sent to individual offices or any other Senate office will not be accepted.
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- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 002, State Capitol.
- By fax: Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing.

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Senator Clayton Hee Chair