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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

TIME:

2:00 pm

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1840, HD1 (HSCR52-12) RELATING TO STATE-OWNED BANK.

ERB, CPC, FIN

Status

Establishes a task force to review, investigate, and study the feasibility and cost of establishing a state-owned bank. Requires a report to the

Legislature. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB1840 HD1)

HB 2380, HD1 (HSCR61-12) RELATING TO SHIPPING.

TRN/ERB, CPC,

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Status

Establishes a working group to explore options for reducing the shipping time and costs for transporting goods from Molokai and Lanai

to Oahu. Effective July 1, 2057. (HB2380 HD1)

HB 1945, HD1

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AGR, CPC, FIN

(HSCR63-12) Status Authorizes public utilities to propose preferential rates for public utility services provided to ratepayers engaged in agricultural activities

in agricultural districts. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1945 HD1)

HB 2490, HD1 (HSCR66-12)

RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Status

Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to allow electric utility companies to recover power purchase costs and costs arising from power purchase agreements that have been approved by the public

power purchase agreements that have been approved by the public utilities commission through an adjustable surcharge, thus mitigating associated imputed debt or debt equivalence. Effective July 1, 2012.

(HB2490 HD1)

HB 2525, HD1 (HSCR65-12) Status RELATING TO ELECTRICITY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to develop, adopt, and enforce reliability standards for electric systems, and to oversee electric grid access; authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to contract for the performance of related duties with a party to be designated as the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator.

Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2525 HD1)

HB 2035, HD1 (HSCR73-12) Status

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

HLT, CPC, FIN

Prohibits an insurer from requiring a doctor's referral for covered annual screening mammograms. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2035

HD1)

HB 1736, HD1 (HSCR72-12) Status

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

HLT, CPC, FIN

Specifies that the Hawaii Health Connector shall establish a separate program and risk pool to serve the individual market and a separate program and risk pool to serve the small group market. Establishes staggered terms for board members. Clarifies qualifications of and restrictions on navigators. Clarifies the role of the Department of Human Services in determining medicaid eligibility. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB1736 HD1)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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