THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2012**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Friday, March 30, 2012

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 229

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

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The following measure(s) were previously heard by the Committees on: Energy and Environment; Economic Development and Technology; Judiciary and Labor; Health; and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs.

(SSCR2949) Status & Testimony	Requires the Public Utilities Commission, in exercising its authority and duties, to consider the costs and benefits of a diverse energy portfolio and of maximizing the efficiency of all electric utility assets to lower and stabilize the cost of electricity, without subverting the electric utilities' obligation to meet renewable portfolio standards. (SD1)	·
HB 1868, HD1 (SSCR2923) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS. Limits to retail basic exchange services the services for which a telecommunications carrier must obtain approval from the Public Utilities Commission to charge a rate higher than the filed tariff rate. (HB1868 HD1)	EDT, CPN
HB 994, HD1 (SSCR2984) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE. Excludes benefits paid or incurred under the workers' compensation law from the covered loss deductible. Effective January 1, 2013. (HB994 HD1)	JDL, CPN
HB 2013, HD2 (SSCR2942) Status & Testimony	RELATED TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS. Amends the definition of mixed martial arts to include kickboxing, pankration, muay Thai, and xtreme martial arts. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB2013 HD2)	EDT, CPN
HB 2409, SD1 (SSCR2842) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Authorizes the director of commerce and consumer affairs to enforce certain federal laws to protect military members and their families from abusive lending practices. (SD1)	PGM, CPN

HB 425, HD3, SD1

HB 1964, HD2

(SSCR2900)

Status &

RELATING TO HEALTH.

Limits out-of-pocket costs for cancer treatment under health insurance plans. (HB1964 HD2)

Testimony

HB 1967, HD2, SD1

(SSCR2899)

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO MEDICAL CLAIM CONCILIATION.

Amends the medical tort chapter of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make the medical claim conciliation process less adversarial and to emphasize inquiry, conciliation, and settlement. Renames the panels to medical inquiry and conciliation panels.

Effective 1/1/50. (SD1)

HB 2078, HD2, SD1

(SSCR2982)

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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Requires any nonresident owner who operates a transient accommodation located in the nonresident owner's private residence to employ a real estate broker or salesperson. Requires any nonresident owner who operates a transient accommodation located in the nonresident owner's private residence in a condominium hotel to employ a condominium hotel operator. Requires relevant information about owners of the transient accommodation to be provided to the department of taxation for enforcement purposes. Requires the counties to provide the department of taxation with relevant owner information about every transient accommodation permitted by the respective counties annually. Requires the department of taxation to issue a registration identification number for each nonresident owner, which shall be included as part of the relevant information related to an owner who may be leasing property as transient accommodations. Establishes fines for noncompliance. Provides an exemption from the mandatory employment of a licensed real estate broker or salesperson or condominium hotel operator in certain circumstances. Requires the name and phone number of a local point of contact for each transient accommodation to be included in any transient accommodation contract or written rental agreement and to be prominently posted in the transient accommodation. Effective 7/1/2013. (SD1)

Decision making meeting, No verbal testimony will be taken, only written comments will be accepted.

Click here to submit testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Testimony may be submitted up to 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing.

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