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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Thursday, February 16, 2012

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AMENDED AGENDA

The following measure(s) has been ADDED to the agenda: HB1829 The following measure(s) has been DELETED from the agenda: HB2577

HB 2260, HD1
(HSCR171-12)
Status

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

EEP, ERB, FIN

Requires businesses in the State to collect a fee for single-use checkout bags provided to a customer. Allows businesses to keep twenty per cent of the fees for the first year of the program and ten per cent of the fees thereafter, subject to income and general excises taxes. Requires fees to be collected on single-use checkout bags not prohibited by county ordinance. Deposits a percentage of fees collected into the natural area reserves fund, and the remainder into the general fund. Requires reports to the legislature. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB2260 HD1)

HB 2576 (HSCR209-12) RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

LAB, ERB, FIN

Amends the procedure for rate determination to clarify that the department's determination must be appealed to the referee and not

directly to circuit court.

HB 2584 (HSCR136-12) RELATING TO NOTICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

LAB, ERB, FIN

INSURANCE.

Status

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To allow the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to accept the notice of employer's workers' compensation insurance from approved

third party agencies in a manner and form approved by the director.

HB 2099 (HSCR137-12) RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

LAB, ERB, FIN

Clarifies that attorney's fees may be included in costs that may be assessed against a party who brings, prosecutes, or defends a workers'

compensation claim without reasonable ground.

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HB 2577, HD1

RELATING TO WAGES.

LAB, ERB, FIN

(HSCR174-12)

Clarifies the definition of "wages" in the Payment of Wages and Other Compensation Law, chapter 388, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include

any promised paid time off. Allows vacation and personal time off to

be accrued. (HB2577-HD1)

HB 2177

RELATING TO LIOUOR.

ERB, CPC/JUD

ERB, JUD

Status

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Prohibits the issuance of a liquor license to retailers whose premises at a single location where the liquor would be sold or stored is 100,000

square feet or more. Effective July 1, 2012.

HB 2306 Status

RELATING TO CHAPTER 328J, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Permits bars and nightclubs with liquor licenses to allow smoking by

posting "smoking permitted" signs and provides that no county ordinance shall prohibit or restrict smoking in these establishments.

Effective 1/1/13.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

The following measure(s) were previously heard on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. No public testimony will be accepted.

HB 1829

RELATING TO LEASES.

ERB, JUD

Status

Requires lessors of commercial and industrial property to afford lessees the option of renewing their leases. Requires, in leasehold renegotiations, that a rent based on fair market value shall apply even if that value is lower than existing rent and the lease contract

bars the lowering of rent upon renegotiation.

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- · The Committee the comments are directed to;
- The date and time of the hearing;
- · Measure number; and
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