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## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE:

Wednesday, February 06, 2013

TIME:

2:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

# AGENDA

HB 812 Status

### RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

CPC, FIN

Inserts new position titles within existing statutes describing the civil service status of Public Utilities Commission staff and repeals existing position staff descriptions for the Commission under Act 177, Session

Laws of Hawaii 2007.

<u>HB 140</u> **Status** 

#### RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.

CPC, JUD

Amends section 471-2, HRS, to prohibit the owner of an animal, and the owner's employees, from performing any surgical procedure, including but not limited to surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, and debarking on the animal without being licensed as a veterinarian. Makes intentionally or knowingly performing any surgical procedure, including but not limited to surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, and debarking, on a pet animal by any person not licensed as a veterinarian pursuant to section 471-2, HRS, guilty of a class C felony. Amends section 711-1108.5, HRS, to specify that accepted veterinary practices and cropping or docking as customarily practiced, shall not be considered cruelty to animals in the first degree if performed by a veterinarian licensed under chapter 471, HRS.

HB 1416 <u>Status</u>

RELATING TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS.

Clarifies that participation in a health wellness program does not

constitute illegal gambling.

HB 721 Status

RELATING TO HEALTH.

CPC, FIN

CPC, JUD

Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health

maintenance organizations to provide health care coverage and benefits

for autism spectrum disorders beginning after 12/31/2013.

HB 230

RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

CPC, FIN

Status

Authorizes the liquor commission to conduct and fund state and county alcohol abuse treatment and prevention activities. Allows liquor

license fees to be used for those activities.

HB 314

RELATING TO FUNDING.

CPC, FIN

**Status** 

Creates a state crowdfunding website, which allows members of the public to donate their own money toward the funding of specific public capital improvement projects and monitor the progress of those

projects as they near completion.

HB 670

RELATING TO CHECK CASHING.

CPC, FIN

Status Prohibits persons from engaging in the business of check cashing without a registration issued by the commissioner of financial

institutions.

HB 837 Status RELATING TO MONEY TRANSMITTERS.

CPC, FIN

Authorizes the Commissioner of Financial Institutions to require money transmitters to register with NMLS; establishes procedures for a licensed money transmitter to surrender its license; and amends the bond requirement, the fee structure for services provided by the Division of Financial Institutions of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs for the regulation of money transmitters, and the fine for violations of money transmitter regulations.

HB 836

RELATING TO ESCROW DEPOSITORIES.

CPC, FIN

<u>Status</u>

Requires escrow depositories to report any change of their corporate designated escrow officer or branch manager to the Commissioner of Financial Institutions; establishes a statutory fee for the transfer or change in control of an escrow depository license; increases the fidelity bond maintained by escrow depositories to a minimum of \$100,000; increases the errors and omissions policy amount escrow depositories are required to carry to not less than \$250,000; increases fees; provides powers for the commissioner to supervise and regulate the industry; and empowers the commissioner to issue cease and desist orders;

HB 1458 Status RELATING TO INSURANCE RATES.

increases net capital requirement to \$100,000.

CPC, FIN

Establishes the rate adjustment recommendation board within the Insurance Division to make recommendations to the Insurance Commissioner regarding the disposition of rate adjustment filings.

HB 839 Status RELATING TO MORTGAGE SERVICERS.

CPC, FIN

Authorizes the Commissioner of Financial Institutions to conduct examinations and investigations and adjust the fees for mortgage

servicer licensees to use NMLS.

HB 838 Status RELATING TO MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATION.

CPC, FIN

Raises application and renewal fees for mortgage loan originators, mortgage loan originator companies, and exempt sponsoring mortgage loan originator companies; and establishes fees for mortgage servicer

companies that conduct mortgage loan origination activities.

<u>HB 21</u>

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

CPC, JUD

Status

Repeals the prioritization of liens for unpaid mortgages over

subsequently recorded liens for unpaid condominium association fees. Clarifies the obligations of the acquirer of a foreclosed unit under the

lien for unpaid association fees.

<u>HB 997</u>

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

CPC, JUD

Status

Establishes the condominium dispute resolution program for

condominiums. Permits a party to proposed or terminated mediation to file a request for a hearing with the office of administrative hearings of

the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

HB 1414

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

CPC, JUD

**Status** 

Permits the real estate commission to ensure compliance by enforcing any rule, order, decision, demand, or requirement of the commission

issued pursuant to chapter 514B, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

HB 1194

RELATING TO SUBCONTRACTORS.

CPC, FIN

WAL, CPC, FIN

Status

Repeals the temporary suspension under Act 105, SLH 2011, on the

general excise tax exemption on amounts deducted from the gross

income of subcontractors.

HB 111, HD1 Status RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE BUILDING

CODE.

Authorizes the use of certain land, subject to county approval and oversight, for research, development, and testing of sustainable agriculture, development, waste management, and resource

management through planned community use. Effective July 1, 2013.

(HB111 HD1)

#### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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