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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Friday, February 22, 2013

TIME:

11:00 A.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA#1

HB 1028, HD1

(HSCR184) Status RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT.

Extends the maximum weekly benefit amount at seventy-five per cent of the average weekly wage from December 31, 2012, to December 31, 2013. Sets, for calendar year 2013, the employer contribution rate at schedule F. Increases the hourly minimum wage to \$7.75 on January 1, 2014, \$8.25 on January 1, 2015, and \$8.75 on January 1, 2016.

Applies retroactively to January 1, 2013.

HB 578, HD1 (HSCR143)

Status

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

Prohibits: (1) a public employer from wilfully implementing or attempting to implement any term of a collective bargaining proposal without the exclusive representative's agreement; and (2) a public employee or employee organization from wilfully implementing or

attempting to implement any term of a collective bargaining proposal without the employer's agreement. Effective January 1, 2113.

HB 1365

(HSCR285) Status RELATING TO URBAN AGRICULTURE.

Creates a rooftop garden on the 5th floor of the State capitol.

HB 508. HD1

(HSCR436) Status RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

Exempts from the procurement code any contract by governmental bodies to procure fresh meat and produce, and animals and plants for

use by any governmental body. Effective July 1, 2013.

<u>HB 478. HD2</u> (<u>HSCR518</u>)

Status

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Authorizes schools to grow food in school gardens for consumption in the school lunch program under specified conditions. Allows nonprofit

organizations to establish and administer fresh food distribution

services. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2050.

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HB 486 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AGR, FIN (HSCR 121) Appropriates funds to operate and implement the Future Farmers of Status America and 4-H programs. HB 503, HD1 RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX. AGR, FIN (HSCR 123) Provides a GET exemption on amounts received by farmers for the Status sale of fresh farm produce intended for consumption within the State. Applies to income or proceeds received after RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. <u>HB 747, HD1</u> AGR, FIN (HSCR284) Exempts from the general excise tax amounts received for the slaughter and processing of poultry and livestock. Effective July 1, Status 2050. <u>HB 1354, HD1</u> RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. HED, FIN (HSCR460) Appropriates an unspecified amount in general funds for positions for the UH Pamantasan Council to promote access and diversity. Status Effective January 1, 2525. RELATING TO SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS. HB 1402, HD1 HUS, FIN

Requires the Executive Office on Early Learning, in consultation with (HSCR339) the Department of Budget and Finance, to conduct a study on the Status feasibility of using social impact bonds to fund early learning programs and services in the State, with the assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

HB 499, HD1 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM. (HSCR60) Authorizes the establishment of a research program on the stewardship **Status** of aquaculture and marine protected areas at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology. Appropriates funds on a matching basis with federal funds. Effective July 1, 2013.

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE. HB 1317 (HSCR269) Appropriates funds to support programs that encourage the use of the Hawaiian language by and promote fluency of the Hawaiian language Status in prekindergarten-aged children.

HB 509. HD1 RELATING TO MAKUA VALLEY. (HSCR443) Establishes the Makua Valley Reserve Advisory Committee to provide <u>Status</u> advice regarding preservation and restoration activities in Makua

Valley on Oahu. RELATING TO APPRAISALS. HB 488, HD1 (HSCR515) Requires valuation of public agricultural or aquacultural land to be Status

based on the land's agricultural or aquacultural use, economic considerations, relevant risk factors, and societal benefits. In the case of disinterested appraisals, requires that costs greater than one year's existing rent shall be borne by DLNR. Effective July 1, 2020.

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HB 988, HD1 RELATING TO NATIVE WILDLIFE. (HSCR308) Increases the environmental response, energy, and food security tax by Status an unspecified amount until June 30, 2015, and then by 2 cents per barrel on June 30, 2015, and deposits a specified amount of the increases into the wildlife recovery and rehabilitation special fund. Establishes the wildlife recovery and rehabilitation special fund to support the operations of a facility to respond to oil and fuel-related

disasters affecting native wildlife in the State. Effective July 1, 2013. Hearing FIN 02-22-13 1

HB 193 (HSCR301) Status

RELATING TO LAND USE.

WAL, FIN

Requires the land use commission, upon request, to extend the time period for which a boundary amendment is effective for at least 2 years

if the appropriate county officer or agency determines that the petitioner has substantially commenced development or if other good

cause exists.

HB 194, HD1 (HSCR441)

Status

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

WAL, FIN

Specifies qualifications for the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to federal law. Requires notice to the Legislature of

appointment. Converts positions in the State Historic Preservation

Division of DLNR to civil service status.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony should indicate:

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