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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: TIME:	Thursday, February 13, 2014
TIME:	9:30AM
PLACE:	Conference Room 329
	State Capitol
	415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1889 Status	RELATING TO A HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS. Establishes a homeless person's bill of rights.	HUS, FIN
HB 2115 Status	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care, limited to 24 visits per calendar year. Appropriates funds.	HUS, FIN
HB 2116 Status	RELATING TO SENTENCING FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS. Establishes new factors to be considered in sentencing those convicted of an offense committed while under the age of 18, and a sentencing modification process for the same. Eliminates sentences of life without parole for juvenile offenders. Requires the Hawaii Paroling Authority to establish guidelines for minimum term served before parole eligibility.	HUS, JUD
HB 2371 Status	RELATING TO TAXATION. (1) Increases the amount and threshold of the refundable food/excise tax credit. (2) Increases the amount and threshold of the income tax credit for low-income household renters. (3) Reduces the tax liability for low-income taxpayers by creating a tax credit that will eliminate a taxpayer's income tax liability if their federal adjusted gross income falls below federal poverty guidelines. Reduces a taxpayer's income tax liability by 50% if the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income falls between 100-125% of federal poverty guidelines. (4) Establishes a state earned income tax credit.	HUS, FIN
HB 2395 Status	RELATING TO SENTENCING. Establishes a mandatory minimum sentence of twenty years for class A felony of first degree sexual assault of a minor who is less than fourteen years of age.	HUS, JUD



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HB 2591 Status

<u>HB 2649</u>

Status

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS.

Requires mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment without the possibility of parole for crimes that cause death or inflict serious or substantial bodily injury upon a homeless individual or family. Subjects crimes that inflict serious or substantial bodily injury upon a homeless person to extended terms of imprisonment if the defendant knew or reasonably should have known the person was homeless.

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

Defines "domestic or sexual violence victim" or "victim" to mean an individual who is the victim of domestic or sexual violence. Prohibits employer from discriminating based on domestic or sexual violence if the victim provides employer with a copy of the TRO or protective order, unless the employer reasonably believes that the restrained person could endanger other employees. Removes employers' liability for not making reasonable accommodations for an employee who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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- Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
- The date and time of the hearing; and
- Measure number.

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