THE SENATE THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 TIME: 1:40 p.m. PLACE: Conference Room 211 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

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The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective committees:

| <u>SB 1311, SD1</u> (SSCR2264) <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO EDUCATION. Allows a licensed or credentialed educational practitioner to utilize behavior analysis principles and techniques without being licensed as a behavior analyst; provided the unlicensed individual's use of those techniques is limited to the individual's recognized scope of practice. (SD1) | EDU/CPH, WAM |
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| <u>SB 2137, SD1</u> (SSCR2075) <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes an on-farm mentoring program to teach and train farmers to utilize a whole farm system approach to agriculture. Makes an appropriation to the department of agriculture to support existing on-farm mentoring programs and for a pilot on- farm mentoring program in Maui. (SD1) | WLA, WAM |
| <u>SB 2217, SD1</u> (SSCR2073) <u>Status &</u> Testimony | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for the operation, repair, maintenance, and improvement of the East Kauai irrigation system by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative. (SD1) | WLA, WAM |
| <u>SB 2476, SD1</u> (SSCR2458) Status & Testimony | RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes the early language acquisition program to assess and track language development for children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Establishes a working group for the purposes of investigating issues related to resources and tools for parents of children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf- blind and improvements to the statewide system of services that support age-appropriate language development for children from birth to age five who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Requires working group to report to legislature. Appropriates funds for various positions to support the early language acquisition program and children from birth to age five who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. (SD1) | CPH/EDU, WAM |



| <u>SB 2638</u> (SSCR2184) Status & Testimony | RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL. Appropriates money to the state building code council. | GVO, WAM |
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| <u>SB 2652, SD1</u> (SSCR2041) <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a five-year renewable fuels production tax credit and repeals the ethanol facility tax credit. Allows qualifying taxpayers to claim a refundable income tax credit equal to 20 cents per seventy-six thousand British thermal units of renewable fuel, capped at \$3,000,000 per taxable year. Caps the credit at \$3,000,000 per year in aggregate. Requires DBEDT to certify all tax credits and submit a report regarding the production and sale of renewable fuels to the governor and legislature each year. Directs DOTAX to create forms for the tax credit. Applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016. Repeals the tax credit on 12/31/2021. (SD1) | TRE, WAM |
| <u>SB 2773, SD1</u> (SSCR2350) <u>Status &</u> Testimony | RELATING TO THE ALOHA+ CHALLENGE. Appropriates funds for the natural resource management, clean energy, and green workforce development goals of the Aloha+ Challenge. (SD1) | WLA/EET, WAM |
| <u>SB 2859</u> (SSCR2103) Status & Testimony | RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Amends the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund law to increase from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 the balance that may be retained in the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund at the end of each fiscal year. | CPH, WAM |
| <u>SB 2724, SD1</u> (SSCR2366) Status & Testimony | RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGES. Expands the types of projects that must comply with wage and hour requirements under chapter 104, HRS, including construction projects on public lands regardless of whether the work is paid from public funds, and projects for which public lands are used as security for financing. Exempts certain projects from chapter 104, HRS. Establishes requirements that apply in situations involving private lessees of public land who contract for certain projects on public land. Effective January 7, 2059. (SD1) | JDL, WAM |
| <u>SB 3113</u> (SSCR2402) Status & Testimony | RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. Appropriates funds for the establishment of a veterans services counselor IV position within the Office of Veterans' Services to assist all veterans, with a primary focus on female veterans. | PSM, WAM |
| <u>SB 2767, SD1</u> (SSCR2374) <u>Status &</u> Testimony | RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates moneys for the University of Hawaii at Manoa to hire three psychologists and one case manager to provide student mental health services. (SD1) | HEA/CPH, WAM |

Decision making meeting only, no oral testimony will be accepted.

Persons wishing to submit written testimony may do so up to 24 hours prior to the hearing.



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FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

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Senator Jill N. Tokuda Chair

