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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

TIME:

2:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

<u>HB 1869</u>

RELATING TO THE LANDLORD TENANT CODE.

CPC

<u>Status</u> Provides a specific exemption to the landlord tenant code for sellers

who occupy the residential real property after the transfer of the seller's

ownership rights.

HB 1873 Status RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

CPC, JUD

Clarifies the process, including payment obligations, mediation requirements, and triggers for further default, where a condominium unit owner and association reach a payment plan to resolve a nonjudicial foreclosure. Establishes procedures that provide condominium owners with the right to submit disputed legal fees, penalties or fines, late fees, lien filing fees, or other charges, except for common expense assessments, to the mediation process prior to

payment.

HB 1874

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

CPC, FIN

<u>Status</u>

Expands the scope of the condominium education trust fund to cover voluntary binding arbitration between interested parties. Amends the conditions that mandate mediation and exceptions to mandatory

mediation. Makes conforming amendments.

HB 1879 Status RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE.

CPC

Establishes an application screening fee that a landlord may charge an applicant to obtain information about the applicant and establishes the applicant's right to review the credit report obtained by the landlord if

the applicant paid the application screening fee.

HB 2537

RELATING TO ASSOCIATIONS.

CPC, FIN

Status

Requires the Auditor to conduct a study, including a cost-benefit analysis, on establishing an agency within the Department of

Commerce and Consumer Affairs to regulate homeowners associations

and to submit a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

HB 2630

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM VOTING.

CPC, FIN

Status

Provides for the use of an electronic voting device in condominium association meetings; provided that an association's board takes reasonable steps to ensure the secrecy and integrity of the votes, and

that an audit trail is made available after the meetings.

The following measure(s) were previously heard on 2/1/18. As this is decision making only, no public testimony will be accepted.

HB 1621

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

CPC

Status

Requires merchants to refund shipping and handling charges paid by the consumer when the consumer returns a damaged or defective good

and requests a refund.

HB 1625

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

CPC, FIN

Status

Allows the registered owner of a motor vehicle to designate a

beneficiary to whom ownership of the vehicle shall be transferred upon the registered owner's death; provided that certain conditions are met.

HB 1876

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.

CPC, FIN

Status

Allows licensed producers of motor vehicle insurers to satisfy the requirement that insurers provide a complete sales and claims office in the State by instead allowing the licensed producer to establish and

maintain a sales and claims office.

HB 2206

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

CPC, FIN

Status

Provides an insurer with an exception to the requirement of providing all of its customers with annual privacy notices where the insurer provides nonpublic personal financial information to nonaffiliated third parties under certain conditions and the insurer's policies and practices

regarding disclosure of such information are unchanged.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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

- 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.

While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may be distributed to the Committee after the hearing.

Submit testimony in ONE of the following ways:

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Rep. Roy M. Takumi

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