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COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:Monday, February 8, 2021TIME:3:00 PMPLACE:Conference Room 225

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

To comply with social distancing requirements, only <u>written</u> and <u>videoconference</u> testimony will be accepted. If you wish to testify via videoconference you must also submit written testimony.

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<u>A G E N D A</u>

<u>SB 676</u> Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE MINIMUM WAGE. Increases the minimum wage for certain employees to \$12.00 per hour beginning 7/1/2022.	LCA, WAM/JDC
<u>SB 912</u> Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Authorizes a court to order the forfeiture of Employees' Retirement System (ERS) benefits of an ERS member, former member, or retirant upon conviction of the individual for a felony related to the State or county employment of the individual. Authorizes designated beneficiaries to receive ERS benefits upon the death of the ERS member, former member, or retirant convicted of the felony.	LCA, JDC/WAM
SB 1275 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Requires each state government branch to establish a shared leave program for state employees. Precludes state government branches and counties that have a shared leave program from prohibiting leave sharing between employees of different departments or bargaining units because of administrative infeasibility. Allows a public employee to designate beneficiaries to the employee's unpaid vacation allowance and wages through a statement that is not verified or written.	LCA, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Please note the following:

- The number of videoconference testifiers and/or time allotted to each testifier may be limited by the Chair when necessary to adhere to the committee hearing schedule. We may not be able to accommodate everyone who requests to testify remotely.
- Videoconference testifiers for this hearing will be limited to 2 minutes each.

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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 Brian T. Taniguchi Chair