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THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 1998

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Co-Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Co-Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 1998  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

- SB 3070 RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX (EDU,WAM)  
Exempts from the general excise tax for five years, school fundraisers that raise funds to purchase educational equipment, programs, and supplies. (Tam)
- SB 2258 RELATING TO TAXATION (HEV,WAM)  
SD1 Addresses the taxation of certain medical services by providing relief. (Mizuguchi)
- SB 2727 RELATING TO TAXATION (WAM)  
Creates system of stamps or meter impressions for payment of tobacco tax by wholesalers and dealers; sets out procedures for collection of tax. (McCartney)
- SB 2558 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND (CPI,WAM)  
SD1 Requires the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (Fund) to use its own funds to model hurricane zones in the State. Permits the Fund to issue reinsurance. Specified exemptions from certain assessments of the Fund for property insurers that elect to offer hurricane coverage and forego utilizing the Fund. Specified the requirement insurers must meet before the Insurance Commissioner may grant an exemption certificate. (Metcalf)
- SB 3232 RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL VOCATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS (CPI,WAM)  
SD1 AND COMMISSIONS  
Eliminates various professional and vocational licensing boards and commissions. Gives licensing jurisdiction to the director of commerce and consumer affairs. (Mizuguchi/Metcalf)
- \* SB 2983 RELATING TO OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES (CPI,WAM) H1DG1  
SD1 Requires open meetings law to be administered by the office of information practices (OIP). Moves OIP from the department of the attorney general to the legislature for administrative purposes. (Ihara/D.Ige/McCartney/Metcalf)

SB 3001  
Proposed  
SD1

RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF FINANCING AGREEMENTS  
To clarify and make technical changes to the statutes on the management of financing agreements. (Mizuguchi B/R)

(WAM)

Proposed draft is available in Room 206 and 210.

**The Committee will hold a decision making on the following bills. Written comments will be accepted.  
No oral testimony will be taken.**

Bills which were previously heard by another Senate Committee:

SB 1559  
SD1

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Authorizes the DOH to establish and implement a lead abatement program which accredits specially trained lead inspectors and risk assessments specialists, who will develop lead hazard screens, design, supervise, and work at lead abatement projects. (HEV,WAM)

SB 1587  
SD1

RELATING TO WASTEWATER

Regulates private cesspool, wastewater, and sludge pumping and hauling operations by the director of health under chapter 342D, HRS, instead of by the state board of certification under chapter 340B. Allows for search warrants to better enforce against wastewater spills to the ground that do not reach state waters. (HEV,WAM)

SB 2799

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CLEAN HAWAII CENTER

Authorizes an additional \$200,000 from the Clean Hawaii Fund (Energy Development and Management, BED 120) to be expended by the Clean Hawaii Center for the fiscal year 1997-1998. (ECD/HEV,WAM)

SB 2229  
SD1

RELATING TO CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES

Creates a long-term supplemental funding source from the voluntary sale of conservation license plates. Stimulates other voluntary contributions for endangered species recovery and youth conservation programs. (HEV/TIA,WAM)

SB 2385  
SD1

RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Allows issuance of special motor vehicle license plates upon payment of donation to the Hawaii early education and care special fund; establishes fund. (HRE/TIA,WAM)

SB 2739  
SD1

RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF FINES

Amends the definition of "claimant agency" to include the Judiciary so that they are allowed to collect outstanding fines and debts owed to them through the interception of state income tax refunds of taxpayers with outstanding fines or debts. (JDC,WAM)

From the January 29, 1998, 8:30 a.m. WAM hearing agenda:

HB 1699  
HD2

RELATING TO THE HAWAII CAPITAL LOAN PROGRAM

Establishes within the Hawaii capital loan program, a loan guarantee program that allows the department of business, economic development, and tourism (DBEDT) to guarantee up to ninety per cent of the principal balance of a loan made to a qualified small business concern by a private lender. Allows the transfer of funds between capital loan revolving fund and the Hawaii strategic development corporation fund. (ECD,WAM)

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From the February 9, 1998, 8:30 a.m. WAM hearing agenda:

SB 2738 RELATING TO STATE WARRANTS  
Changes time after which paid warrants of the State can be destroyed from three years to two.  
Changes microfilm requirement to archive requirement and includes digital/electronic media as a  
permissible type of archiving. (WAM)

From the February 17, 1998, 8:30 a.m. WAM hearing agenda:

SB 616 RELATING TO FUNDS  
Proposed Repeals the deposit of GET into the compound interest bond reserve fund. (WAM)  
SD1

From the February 25, 1998, 8:30 a.m. WAM hearing agenda:

SB 721 RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY  
Proposed Increases various court fees. (JDC,WAM)  
SD1

From the February 27, 1998, 9:30 a.m. WAM hearing agenda:

SB 2204 RELATING TO REGULATORY PROCESSES  
SD1 Requires that agencies establish time periods for approval, rejection, or denial of business or  
development applications for permits with exceptions. Automatically approves applications not  
completed within the time frame. Changes a quorum to members present but not disqualified.  
Makes effective July 1, 2005. (CPI/HEV,WAM)

From the February 28, 1998, 10:00 a.m. WAM decision making agenda:

SB 2254 RELATING TO PROSTITUTION  
SD1 Requires that persons convicted of prostitution receive prostitution intervention services as part  
of sentence of probation. (JDC,WAM)

SB 2418 RELATING TO RECYCLING  
SD1 Increases the advance disposal fee for specified glass containers to 2 cents; requires major  
retailers of goods packaged in glass container to establish recycling drop-off sites; establishes  
guidelines for set up and maintenance of recycling drop-off sites in the counties. (HEV,WAM)

SB 2808 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND  
SD1 Creates a private universal service fund and a universal service board. (CPI,WAM)

SB 2814 RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
SD1 Deletes specified percentage for the annual salary increase assumption for actuarial valuations  
for purposes of calculating the employer contributions to the ERS. (HRE,WAM)

SB 2969 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
SD1 Requires the PUC to establish a fee to be assessed against passenger carriers. The revenues of  
the fee shall be placed in a special fund to be used to improve parking areas along scenic  
viewpoints frequented by tour buses and limousines. (CPI,WAM)

SB 3206  
SD1

**RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENDERS**

Mandates substance abuse treatment for repeat criminal offenders who are determined through assessment methods to be dependent upon alcohol or drugs. (JDC,WAM)

SB 3258  
SD1

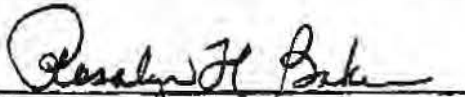
**RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Exempts software development companies from paying the GET; establishes the HI Internet Exchange (HIE) in OTTED; includes advancement of internet services and improving student access to technology in state plan guidelines; establishes UH work force development training program. Authorizes GO bonds to establish fiber optic connection to internet for UH and DOE. (CPI/EDU,WAM)

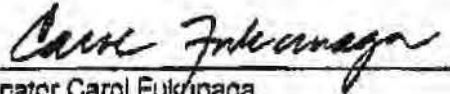
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