

2007 Lingle-Aiona Administration Legislative Proposals

AGR-01 (07) **HB1217** **SB1303**

RELATING TO INCENTIVES FOR IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

Establishes tax and permitting incentives to encourage private landowners to dedicate their land to agriculture.

AGR-04 (07) **HB1218** **SB1304**

RELATING TO ANIMAL DISEASES.

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to enter private lands containing livestock and poultry to inspect the animals and take samples if the presence of a contagious disease is suspected.

AGR-05 (07) **HB1219** **SB1305**

RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS.

Increases from \$25,000 to \$75,000 the amount of an agricultural loan that can be approved by the Chairman of the Agricultural Board.

AGR-07 (07) **HB1220** **SB1306**

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL MARKETING.

Creates a special fund to collect revenues from the Hawaii Seal of Quality program to help protect the value of local agricultural products.

AGR-08 (07) **HB1221** **SB1307**

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Subsidizes up to 50% of the feed costs of the remaining poultry and dairy farms in Hawaii.

AGR-09 (07) **HB1222** **SB1308**

RELATING TO LOANS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND AQUACULTURE PURPOSES.

Consolidates agriculture and aquaculture loan programs into a single program with similar qualifications and raises the loan limit from \$400,000 to \$800,000.

AGR-10 (07) **HB1223** **SB1309**

RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

Better defines what farming activities can take place on Important Agricultural Lands, limits building to one farm dwelling per 50 acres plus agricultural worker housing, and allows biofuels facilities to be built on agriculturally designated lands.

AGR-11 (07) **HB1224** **SB1310**

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND USE.

Tightens the requirements counties must follow for subdividing agricultural land including requiring evidence that farming is occurring to stop "fake farms" .

AGS-03 (07) **HB1225** **SB1311**

RELATING TO SALARY PAYMENTS.

Eliminates the need for the Governor to physically sign paychecks of certain State employees.

AGS-04 (07) **HB1226** **SB1312**

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR ELECTRICITY PAYMENTS STATEWIDE.

Appropriates an additional \$626,000 to cover higher than projected costs for electricity used in State buildings.

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AGS-05 (07) **HB1227** **SB1313**

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR RISK MANAGEMENT.

Appropriates an additional \$800,000 in general funds and \$2,926,000 in special funds to pay claims and higher insurance premiums as a result of the natural disasters that occurred in 2006.

AGS-06 (07) **HB1228** **SB1314**

RELATING TO THE OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.

Enables the Hawaiian Home Lands Commission and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to begin housing construction projects when they have the initial capital funds, similar to what is done in the private sector, rather than requiring them to have the entire project's costs in a bank account before they can begin.

AGS-08 (07) **HB1229** **SB1315**

RELATING TO THE ACCESS HAWAII COMMITTEE.

Continues the Committee that oversees the State's internet portal arrangements.

AGS-09 (07) **HB1230** **SB1316**

RELATING TO SALARIES.

Sets the salary of the Aloha Stadium Director at the level of the Deputy Comptroller of the State.

ATG-01 (07) **HB1231** **SB1317**

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES.

Authorizes payment for claims against the State for refunds of taxes, judgments and settlements, and other miscellaneous payments.

ATG-02 (07) **HB1232** **SB1318**

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT TORT LIABILITY.

Increases public safety, reduces ocean-related accidents, and protects the State and counties from unlimited liability when warning signs are posted at public beaches or parks.

ATG-03 (07) **HB1233** **SB1319**

RELATING TO TORT ACTIONS.

Protects Hawaii taxpayers from exorbitant claims and costs associated with highway design lawsuits.

ATG-04 (07) **HB1234** **SB1320**

RELATING TO TESTIMONY.

Clarifies when lay and expert witness testimony is admissible in court.

ATG-05 (07) **HB1235** **SB1321**

RELATING TO APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Allows the immediate appeal of preliminary injunction orders to avoid harm from erroneous injunction rulings.

ATG-06 (07) **HB1236** **SB1322**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that only ballots marked YES or NO are counted in determining whether a proposed constitutional amendment has been adopted.

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ATG-07 (07)

HB1237

SB1323

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII REGARDING CHALLENGES TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a process to resolve challenges to proposed constitutional amendments before they are put on the ballot.

ATG-08 (07)

HB1238

SB1324

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII RELATING TO TESTIMONY OF DEFENDANTS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow courts to hear evidence that a criminal defendant has been previously convicted for crimes involving dishonesty.

ATG-09 (07)

HB1239

SB1325

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Provides the Attorney General with the resources to actively pursue and prosecute civil fraud perpetrated against the State.

ATG-10 (07)

HB1240

SB1326

RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

Allows law enforcement officers to inspect public health statistics records or receive a certified copy of a vital statistic record, when investigating or prosecuting a crime.

ATG-11 (07)

HB1241

SB1327

RELATING TO INFORMATION CHARGING.

Adds meth trafficking and failure to comply with sex offender registry requirements to the list of felonies that may be initiated by information charging.

ATG-12 (07)

HB1242

SB1328

RELATING TO CHAPTER 803.

Restores the standard required by the United States Constitution that dictates police behavior when entering a house to arrest a person suspected of a crime.

ATG-14 (07)

HB1243

SB1329

RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF HOSPITAL ACQUISITIONS BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Clarifies that the timeline for the Attorney General to review an application for acquisition of a hospital commences only after receipt of the completed application.

ATG-15 (07)

HB1244

SB1330

RELATING TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

Conforms Hawaii law to the federal requirement that a \$25 annual fee be charged to non-custodial parents in addition to their regular child support obligations.

ATG-16 (07)

HB1245

SB1331

RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

Allows the Child Support Enforcement Agency to request an administrative hearing upon being served with a proposed administrative order.

ATG-20 (07)

HB1246

SB1332

RELATING TO METAL.

Makes copper theft a felony and requires scrap dealers to identify and document all copper purchases.

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ATG-21 (07) HB1247 SB1333

RELATING TO CHAPTER 844D, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Allows law enforcement authorities to use reasonable force in obtaining DNA swab samples from felons who refuse to comply with the law.

ATG-22 (07) HB1248 SB1334

RELATING TO NAME CHANGES.

Prohibits registered sex offenders from changing their name to avoid registration requirements.

ATG-23 (07) HB1249 SB1335

RELATING TO APPEALS.

Clarifies when criminal convictions can be overturned by a court because of jury instructions.

ATG-24 (07) HB1250 SB1336

RELATING TO ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST THE STATE.

Prevents the State from being sued in instances where the State has immunity.

ATG-25 (07) HB1251 SB1337

RELATING TO CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Makes it a civil contempt of court to not abide by a child support order when the parent was clearly in court or served with the order to make child support payments.

ATG-26 (07) HB1252 SB1338

RELATING TO TORT ACTIONS.

Allows a court to consider failure to use a seat belt or helmet as evidence of comparative negligence in civil cases.

ATG-27 (07) HB1253 SB1339

RELATING TO THE HAWAII RULES OF EVIDENCE.

Allows apologies or other expressions of sympathy to be made without fear of such gestures being used in court to prove liability.

ATG-28 (07) HB1254 SB1340

RELATING TO CHAPTER 291E, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Makes it a felony to drive after a court revokes a driver's license for DUI and a criminal offense for driving after a court suspends a license for DUI.

ATG-29 (07) HB1255 SB1341

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS RELATING TO NATURAL DISASTERS.

Appropriates \$2.5 million to continue recovery and remediation efforts related to the 2006 storms; funds safety assessments of dams and reservoirs statewide; and provides money to investigate and litigate issues relating to the 2006 Ka Loko dam break.

ATG-31 (07) HB1256 SB1342

RELATING TO THE PERFECTION OF APPEALS TO THE TAX APPEAL COURT.

Requires persons appealing their tax assessments to notify the Tax Director or the county clerk within thirty days of filing their appeal.

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ATG-32 (07) **HB1257** **SB1343**

RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.

The "Protect Victims of Domestic Violence Act" toughens penalties against those who violate protective orders issued to protect victims of domestic violence.

ATG-33 (07) **HB1258** **SB1344**

RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR FALSE CLAIMS TO THE STATE.

Conforms Hawaii law to the federal requirement that states provide a cause of action for persons who suffer retribution from employers for whistleblower activities related to the State false claims act.

ATG-34 (07) **HB1259** **SB1345**

RELATING TO PROMOTING INTOXICATING LIQUOR TO A MINOR.

Mandates jail time for those convicted of providing alcohol to minors.

ATG-37 (07) **HB1260** **SB1346**

RELATING TO SENTENCING.

Allows a court to order a mental or medical examination of defendants for purposes of sentencing.

ATG-38 (07) **HB1261** **SB1347**

RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.

Ensures that Hawaii's sentencing structure conforms to the United States Supreme Court decision in *Cunningham v. California*.

BED-01 (07) **HB1262** **SB1348**

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Appropriates \$50 million in cash over the next two years into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to help build more affordable for-sale homes.

BED-03 (07) **HB1263** **SB1349**

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Permanently increases from 30% to 65% the percentage of the Conveyance Tax that goes into the Rental Housing Trust fund to develop and build more affordable rental housing.

BED-04 (07) **HB1264** **SB1350**

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Exempts community land trust housing projects from the mandatory 10-year buy back and shared appreciation restrictions because these homes must be sold back to the trust with affordability restrictions.

BED-05 (07) **HB1265** **SB1351**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Allows the Board of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to set the salary of the Executive Director and Executive Assistant.

BED-06 (07) **HB1266** **SB1352**

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Makes housekeeping corrections to the statute that created the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation including reinserting the definitions of elderly housing.

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BED-08 (07) **HB1267** **SB1353**

RELATING TO ENERGY SECURITY AND ENERGY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Requires energy companies to provide additional data during energy emergencies so that the State can assess and take action to minimize energy disruptions.

BED-09 (07) **HB1268** **SB1354**

RELATING TO INNOVATION IN EDUCATION.

Appropriates \$15,303,374 over the next two years in State funds to equip Hawaii's middle and high school graduates with world-class analytical and problem solving skills in science, math, engineering, and technology. Includes funds for FIRST (Fostering Inspiration and Relevance from Science and Technology) Academies, HiEST (Hawaii Excellence through Science and Technology) Academies, college scholarships, mentoring, endowing chairs at the University of Hawaii, and commercializing academic research.

BED-11 (07) **HB1269** **SB1355**

RELATING TO LAND USE.

Expands the types of development that can occur in rural districts to include small town clusters surrounded by light agricultural operations and open space.

BED-12 (07) **HB1270** **SB1356**

RELATING TO STATE PLANNING.

Updates the Statewide Geographic Information System and sets up a special fund to allow the Office of Planning to offer and charge for spatial analysis services.

BED-13 (07) **HB1271** **SB1357**

RELATING TO PLANNING.

Authorizes a five year pilot project in one county to exempt plan-based land use changes submitted jointly by the county and the State from going through the lengthy judicial-type proceedings of the State Land Use Commission.

BED-14 (07) **HB1272** **SB1358**

RELATING TO PLANNING.

Updates and sets eleven specific standards for county land use plans to clearly identify areas of future growth and ensure coordination between State public facility plans and the county plans.

BED-15 (07) **HB1273** **SB1359**

RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES.

Allows agricultural businesses to use the tax advantages of enterprise zones if they are able to increase their annual gross revenues by 2% per year.

BED-16 (07) **HB1274** **SB1360**

RELATING TO COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Appropriates \$500,000 in grants for technical and financial assistance to community based organizations on the Leeward Coast to build the management and self- sufficiency capacity of these organizations.

BED-19 (07) **HB1275** **SB1361**

RELATING TO ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Allows the Aloha Tower Development Corporation to use its expertise and powers to help plan and redevelop the State's commercial harbors.

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BED-20 (07) **HB1276** **SB1362**

RELATING TO KALAELOA.

Preserves and develops one of the last remaining large tracts of land appropriate for urban use on Oahu by purchasing from the Navy 499 acres near the entrance to Kalaeloa, the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station.

BED-21 (07) **HB1277** **SB1363**

RELATING TO TAX CREDITS.

Expands the scope of the existing Ko Olina tax credit to include other existing or new businesses and non-profits that build infrastructure or conduct training along the Leeward Coast.

BED-22 (07) **HB1278** **SB1364**

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL SITE CLEANUP.

Repeals the June 30, 2007 sunset date on the Hawaii Brownsfields Loan program that allows the State to offer low-cost loans to private landowners that clean up their contaminated properties.

BED-23 (07) **HB1279** **SB1365**

RELATING TO THE INNOVATION ECONOMY.

Appropriates \$5,722,800 over the next two years to create a Hawaii Innovation Council, support a private sector technology incubator facility in Kakaako, invest in a Digital Media Center, and launch a Music Enterprise Learning Experience program modeled after the Nashville music industry. Also sets us a \$100 million Hawaii Innovation fund using capital from the State Employee Retirement System to invest in promising local companies.

BED-24 (07) **HB1280** **SB1366**

RELATING TO INNOVATION IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Appropriates \$3,485,000 over the next two years to create employee-centered portable lifelong learning accounts to allow those in the workforce to regularly upgrade their skills; sets up a Rapid Response Training program to anticipate and quickly develop workforces for emerging companies; expands the "Kamaaina Come Home" program to attract Hawaii residents back to skilled jobs; and moves the workforce development functions from the Department of Labor to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

BED-25 (07) **HB1281** **SB1367**

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Appropriates \$1,049,000 over the next two years to link Hawaii's numerous Asia-Pacific focused international organizations through an International Affairs Council, fund the Office of International Affairs to catalogue and coordinate international activities, and support international student exchanges and study abroad programs.

BED-26 (07) **HB1282** **SB1368**

RELATING TO LAND USE.

Empowers the Land Use Commission to set up a process to determine whether land use re-classifications should be withdrawn when they are not used within a reasonable period of time, also referred to as a "use it or lose it" requirement.

BED-HCDA- **HB1283** **SB1369**
01 (07)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Allows the Hawaii Community Development Authority to buy back 1,388 existing housing units in Kakaako and resell them as affordable housing.

BUF-02 (07) **HB1284** **SB1370**

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS.

Allows the Department of Budget and Finance to assess a fee to recover their costs when they help a private entity issue a special purpose revenue bond.

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BUF-03 (07) **HB1285** **SB1371**

RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM PROCUREMENT.

Clarifies that special purpose revenue bonds issued to support low and moderate income housing and agricultural enterprises are exempt from the State procurement code.

BUF-04 (07) **HB1286** **SB1372**

RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF FINANCING AGREEMENTS.

Allows various State agencies to work directly on financing agreements for the construction of facilities and the leasing or purchase of equipment that agency will be using. Currently only the Department of Budget and Finance can handle these agreements.

BUF-05 (07) **HB1287** **SB1373**

RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Repeals the current law which allows the State to keep unclaimed property after two to six years, depending on the property's value.

BUF-06 (07) **HB1288** **SB1374**

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII SECTION 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM.

Allows families to set aside \$20,000 per year for their child's higher education costs and deduct this from their income used to calculate their State taxes.

BUF-07 (07) **HB0500** **SB0200**

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Biennium State budget submission.

BUF-08 (07) **HB1289** **SB1375**

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Makes it clear that the Public Utilities Commission can consider the need for increased renewable energy in setting rates or tariffs and approving new power generation facilities.

BUF-09 (07) **HB1290** **SB1376**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

Eliminates confusion regarding which beneficiaries of an employee who is killed in the line of duty or of a retiree who dies are eligible to receive benefits from the employer-union health benefit plan.

BUF-10 (07) **HB1291** **SB1377**

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Makes housekeeping changes to the employee retirement system including adjustments for the new year-round school calendar, updates as to when new actuarial assumptions can be adopted, and allows the salary of the chief investment officer to be set the same way as the Administrator's salary.

BUF-11 (07) **HB1292** **SB1378**

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Requires elective officers to exercise their right to decline membership in the employee retirement system the first time they are elected; repeals the law that allows judges and elected officials to retire, but postpones when they take their retirement pay until their pay reaches 75% of their average final compensation. This law jeopardizes the federal tax status of the employee retirement system.

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BUF-13 (07) HB1293 SB1379

RELATING TO THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY.

Strengthens the Public Utility Commission's authority and powers to collect information from the petroleum industry.

BUF-14 (07) HB1294 SB1380

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

Allows for adjustments to the monthly State contributions to the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund in the event the Board of that fund adopts a revised rate structure for the employee benefit plans.

BUF-15 (07) HB1295 SB1381

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 1, non-supervisory employees in blue-collar positions.

BUF-16 (07) HB1296 SB1382

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 2, supervisory employees in blue collar positions.

BUF-17 (07) HB1297 SB1383

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 3, nonsupervisory employees in white collar positions.

BUF-18 (07) HB1298 SB1384

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 4, supervisory employees in white collar positions.

BUF-19 (07) HB1299 SB1385

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 5, teachers and other personnel of the Department of Education under the same salary schedule.

BUF-20 (07) HB1300 SB1386

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 6, educational officers and other personnel of the Department of Education under the same salary schedule.

BUF-21 (07) HB1301 SB1387

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 8, personnel of the University of Hawaii and the community college system, other than faculty.

BUF-22 (07) HB1302 SB1388

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 9, registered professional nurses.

BUF-23 (07) HB1303 SB1389

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 10, institutional, health, and correctional workers.

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BUF-24 (07)

HB1304

SB1390

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 11, Firefighters.

BUF-25 (07)

HB1305

SB1391

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

Makes appropriations for collective bargaining increases for Unit 13, professional, and scientific employees who cannot be included in any other bargaining units.

CCA-01 (07)

HB1306

SB1392

RELATING TO ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR SECURITIES VIOLATIONS COMMITTED AGAINST ELDERS.

Toughens penalties for securities violations committed against elders.

CCA-02 (07)

HB1307

SB1393

RELATING TO BUSINESS REGISTRATION.

Streamlines business registration requirements for foreign nonprofit corporations and foreign limited liability companies.

CCA-03 (07)

HB1308

SB1394

RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY.

Enhances protection for consumers of public utilities by adding six utility analysts to the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

CCA-04 (07)

HB1309

SB1395

RELATING TO FORMATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES SITING COUNCIL.

Lessens Hawaii's dependence on imported oil by cutting the permitting time for renewable energy projects.

CCA-05 (07)

HB1310

SB1396

RELATING TO TAX CREDITS FOR ENERGY STAR RATED APPLIANCES.

Saves consumers money while encouraging energy conservation through an income tax credit for Energy Star appliance purchases.

CCA-06 (07)

HB1311

SB1397

RELATING TO MONEY TRANSMITTERS.

Amends the 2006 Money Transmitters Act to provide access to regulatory reports to State and federal authorities investigating civil or criminal charges against a money transmitter.

CCA-07 (07)

HB1312

SB1398

RELATING TO ESCROW DEPOSITORIES.

Provides greater protection to consumers by requiring escrow depositories to maintain a minimum net capital of \$500,000, rather than the \$50,000 amount required since 1973.

CCA-08 (07)

HB1313

SB1399

RELATING TO THE CODE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Reduces regulatory burdens on businesses while enhancing the safety and soundness of Hawaii's financial institutions by updating the Code of Financial Institutions.

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CCA-09 (07) **HB1314** **SB1400**

RELATING TO FINANCIAL ABUSE.

Protects elders and dependent adults by requiring employees of financial institutions and escrow depositories to report suspected instances of financial abuse to a law enforcement agency.

CCA-10 (07) **HB1315** **SB1401**

RELATING TO MORTGAGE BROKERS.

Protects Hawaii's home buyers by enhancing oversight of residential mortgage brokers including requiring knowledge-based testing in order to be licensed.

CCA-11 (07) **HB1316** **SB1402**

RELATING TO THE LOSS MITIGATION GRANT FUND.

Encourages home owners to install wind-resistant devices by providing \$2 million in grant money to offset their costs for doing so.

CCA-12 (07) **HB1317** **SB1403**

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Protects the public from improper transactions between mutual benefit societies and their affiliates by improving the insurance commissioner's ability to monitor their transactions.

CCA-13 (07) **HB1318** **SB1404**

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE RATE REGULATION.

Protects the public from over-priced health insurance by allowing the insurance commissioner to disapprove premium rates if they are excessive or discriminatory.

CCA-14 (07) **HB1319** **SB1405**

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Requires managed care plans to refund customers when the plan's reserves exceed 30% of annual expenses unless the insurance commissioner determines the excess is needed to improve the plan's services.

CCA-15 (07) **HB1320** **SB1406**

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Extends group health insurance coverage for small employers to include self-employed individuals with no employees or small businesses with only part-time employees.

CCA-16 (07) **HB1321** **SB1407**

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS.

Protects consumers by requiring licensing for entities that provide prescription drug plans in Hawaii.

CCA-17 (07) **HB1322** **SB1408**

RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSING.

Clarifies the law regarding limited line motor vehicle rental company producer's fees; adjusters and independent bill reviewers place of business requirements; and exemption from examination for producers previously licensed in good standing in another state.

CCA-18 (07) **HB1323** **SB1409**

RELATING TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE.

Encourages captive insurance companies to do more business in Hawaii, thus promoting competition and cost savings for consumers, by capping the premium tax for captives.

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CCA-19 (07) **HB1324** **SB1410**

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Updates Hawaii's insurance laws to conform with substantive recommendations of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

CCA-20 (07) **HB1325** **SB1411**

RELATING TO TORTS.

Makes healthcare more accessible and affordable by limiting attorney's fees and noneconomic damages in medical lawsuits.

CCA-21 (07) **HB1326** **SB1412**

RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD.

Empowers the State to more effectively prevent, investigate, and prosecute all forms of insurance fraud except workers' compensation insurance fraud.

CCA-22 (07) **HB1327** **SB1413**

RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD.

Empowers the State to more effectively prevent, investigate, and prosecute workers' compensation insurance fraud.

CCA-23 (07) **HB1328** **SB1414**

RELATING TO SENTENCING OF REPEAT OFFENDERS.

Toughens penalties for those who repeatedly commit insurance fraud, thereby saving money for employers and insurers by reducing payout for fraudulent claims and policies.

CCA-24 (07) **HB1329** **SB1415**

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Clarifies non-substantive portions of Hawaii's insurance laws.

CCA-25 (07) **HB1330** **SB1416**

RELATING TO TAXATION OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

Will increase competition in Hawaii's health insurance market by eliminating the premium tax on health insurers.

CCA-26 (07) **HB1331** **SB1417**

RELATING TO TORTS.

Exempts physicians from liability when they render emergency medical care in good faith to the poor.

CCA-27 (07) **HB1332** **SB1418**

RELATING TO THE PREVENTION OF MORTGAGE RESCUE FRAUD.

Protects citizens from scammers who try to take advantage of homeowners trying to save their property from foreclosure.

CCA-28 (07) **HB1333** **SB1419**

RELATING TO GASOLINE PRICE GOUGING.

The "Gasoline Price Gouging Act of 2007" will deter gasoline businesses from raising prices to unconscionably high levels during market disruptions.

CCA-29 (07) **HB1334** **SB1420**

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING FEES.

Allows the State to offer licensing fee discounts to 30 additional professional vocations.

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CCA-30 (07)

HB1335

SB1421

RELATING TO CHAPTER 460, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, OSTEOPATHY.

Creates consistency between the licensing laws for doctors of osteopathy (DOs) and for physicians of medicine and surgery (MDs).

CCA-32 (07)

HB1336

SB1422

RELATING TO SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS BY MORTGAGE BROKERS AND SOLICITORS COMMITTED AGAINST ELDERS.

Protects elders by imposing fines of up to \$10,000 for each violation by mortgage brokers and solicitors committed against elders.

CCA-33 (07)

HB1337

SB1423

RELATING TO THE DEATH CARE INDUSTRY.

Protects consumers by establishing procedures for the cancellation, termination, and refund of pre-need funeral and pre-need internment services contracts.

CCA-34 (07)

HB1338

SB1424

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY.

Provides \$250,000 for the Consumer Advocate to investigate the power outages that occurred on October 15, 2006 on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii.

CCA-35 (07)

HB1339

SB1425

RELATING TO CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER.

Ensures enough licensed contractors are available for repair and reconstruction work during a state of emergency or disaster by allowing issuance of emergency licenses for contractors licensed in good standing in another state during such times.

DEF-01 (07)

HB1340

SB1426

RELATING TO THE LOSS MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM.

Provides grants of up to \$2,100 each to encourage construction of safe rooms in homes where residents will be protected during hurricanes.

DEF-03 (07)

HB1341

SB1427

RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY.

Allows the Director of Civil Defense to set the salary of the Civil Defense Vice Director.

DEF-04 (07)

HB1342

SB1428

RELATING TO VETERANS' SERVICES.

Authorizes the Governor to set the salary of the Director of the Office of Veterans Services.

DEF-05 (07)

HB1343

SB1429

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

Exempts all Hawaii resident military personnel, including National Guardsmen and Reservists, from having to pay Hawaii vehicle tax and registration fees.

DEF-06 (07)

HB1344

SB1430

RELATING TO UNIFORM MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

Eliminates the \$1.50 per day the Hawaii National Guard and Reservists were receiving to cover dry-cleaning costs for uniforms. Most uniforms are now wash and wear.

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DEF-08 (07) **HB1345** **SB1431**

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR NATURAL DISASTERS.

Appropriates \$24.9 million in emergency funds for expenses associated with the October 15, 2006 Kiholo Bay earthquake on the Big Island.

GOV-01 (07) **HB1346** **SB1432**

RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Sets up a charter schools district to receive federal funds, sets up a separate charter school board, creates new chartering authorities, allows charters to own and receive money for facilities, and allows more charter schools to be established.

GOV-02 (07) **HB1347** **SB1433**

RELATING TO TEACHING.

Offers a \$10,000 bonus each year to nationally certified teachers who commit to teach in a low performing school for three years and help that school make annual yearly progress.

GOV-03 (07) **HB1348** **SB1434**

RELATING TO STUDENT BEHAVIOR.

Improves school safety by allowing teachers and principals to remove disruptive students and place these students in alternative learning centers.

GOV-13 (07) **HB1349** **SB1435**

RELATING TO AN EXEMPTION FOR THE MALULANI HEALTH AND MEDICAL CENTER, L.L.C., PROJECT FROM THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENT OF CHAPTER 323D, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Exempts Malulani Health and Medical Center, a proposed new privately financed hospital on Maui, from the Certificate of Need process.

GOV-14 (07) **HB1350** **SB1436**

RELATING TO ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE.

Requires certificates of need for three rather than 19 types of health care services, allows the local health planning council to make the final decision on approving a new or expanded medical service in their county, and requires reconsideration hearings to be held in the local jurisdiction.

GOV-15 (07) **HB1351** **SB1437**

RELATING TO NURSING.

Appropriates \$1.5 million to create a specialized emphasis on geriatric nursing, fund additional staff to increase the number of nursing graduates, and establishes a Nursing Consortium to support nursing educational mobility throughout the university system.

GOV-16 (07) **HB1352** **SB1438**

ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII STATEHOOD.

Appropriates \$250,000 for a two-year commission to coordinate the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood.

HHL-01 (07) **HB1353** **SB1439**

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED.

Authorizes money from commercial and industrial leases to be deposited into the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund, which currently only receives funds from sugar land and water leases.

HHL-02 (07) **HB1354** **SB1440**

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED.

Authorizes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to create rules governing the transfer and selling of homestead leases.

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HMS-01 (07) **HB1355** **SB1441**

RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF CHILD PLACING ORGANIZATIONS, CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS, FOSTER BOARDING HOMES AND ADOPTIVE HOMES

Allows the State to check the criminal history record of adults living in foster care homes to make sure these adults do not have a prior record of child neglect or abuse.

HMS-02 (07) **HB1356** **SB1442**

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD ALLOWANCE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH.

Increases from 48 to 60 months the length of time a foster child may use higher education benefits and allows the child to use these benefits until age 26.

HMS-03 (07) **HB1357** **SB1443**

RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Allows the courts to grant legal guardianship to an appropriate person without terminating the parental rights of the biological parents.

HMS-08 (07) **HB1358** **SB1444**

RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

Refocuses the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility to emphasize rehabilitation rather than punishment.

HMS-11 (07) **HB1359** **SB1445**

RELATING TO THE STATE PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Merges the Medicare Part D drug assistance program and the Hawaii Rx Plus program into a comprehensive State Pharmacy Assistance program to obtain deeper discounts from drug manufacturers.

HMS-15 (07) **HB1360** **SB1446**

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Allows equal access to immunosuppressant drugs for those in the Medicaid QUEST program and the Medicaid fee-for-service program.

HMS-17 (07) **HB1361** **SB1447**

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Housekeeping amendments to the statutes that established the new Hawaii Public Housing Authority last year.

HMS-18 (07) **HB1362** **SB1448**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Authorizes the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to set the salary of the Executive Director and Executive Assistant.

HMS-19 (07) **HB1363** **SB1449**

RELATING TO CRIMINAL TRESPASS IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Clarifies that the police can take action against someone who trespasses on Public Housing property.

HMS-20 (07) **HB1364** **SB1450**

RELATING TO THE STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

Allows the statutory \$160 per month limit on rent supplements to be raised and broadens the number of people who can participate in the program to include those up to 95% of the area median income level.

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HRD-03 (07) **HB1365** **SB1451**

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS.

Broadens the types of investment products the State Deferred Compensation Plan can invest in.

HRD-04 (07) **HB1366** **SB1452**

RELATING TO SEPARATION INCENTIVES.

Clarifies that separation incentives offered by the State Personnel office are limited to departments and agencies of the executive branch.

HRD-05 (07) **HB1367** **SB1453**

RELATING TO SALARIES.

Eliminates the artificial link between certain non-civil service salaries and the salaries of various department directors, to allow these salaries to more accurately reflect the scope and duties of the job.

HTH-02 (07) **HB1368** **SB1454**

RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND.

Allows fees and fines paid by adult residential care homes to be used for the costs of inspecting these facilities.

HTH-04 (07) **HB1369** **SB1455**

RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS OF PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CONSUMERS OF THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Allows criminal history record checks for those who work with mentally ill adults. Similar legislation was passed last year to protect mentally ill children.

HTH-05 (07) **HB1370** **SB1456**

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION.

Appropriates an additional \$8,377,698 to cover costs of serving more mentally ill adults.

HTH-08 (07) **HB1371** **SB1457**

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Appropriates an additional \$4,980,523 to meet court ordered service levels for those suffering from developmental disabilities or mental retardation.

HTH-09 (07) **HB1372** **SB1458**

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH.

Appropriates an additional \$1,900,000 to reimburse the Hawaii Air National Guard for helicopter medical transport services

HTH-10 (07) **HB1373** **SB1459**

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES.

Appropriates an additional \$5,299,809 for early intervention services to infants and children up to three years old at risk of developmental delay.

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HTH-19 (07) HB1374 SB1460

RELATING TO NOISE.

Makes it easier to conduct construction work on weekends and at night by allowing the Department of Health to issue a permit for the work.

HTH-20 (07) HB1375 SB1461

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE.

Allows consumers to return their empty beverage containers directly to retail outlets and eliminates the 1 cent non-refundable handling fees on each deposit beverage container.

HTH-24 (07) HB1376 SB1462

RELATING TO PETROLEUM-CONTAMINATED SOIL.

Deletes outdated permitting requirements related to the transport and disposal of petroleum-contaminated soil.

HTH-25 (07) HB1377 SB1463

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

Allows the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to spend an additional \$41 million it will collect from increased hospital services it is providing.

HTH-33 (07) HB1378 SB1464

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Appropriates \$950,000 for Kahuku Hospital to cover bankruptcy costs and allows the hospital to continue operating until it becomes part of the State Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

LBR-01 (07) HB1379 SB1465

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

Similar to federal law, excludes certain alien agricultural workers and Indian tribe workers from State unemployment insurance coverage.

LBR-02 (07) HB1380 SB1466

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION STRESS CLAIMS.

Curtails inappropriate use of workers compensation by employees involved in a proper personnel action dealing with poor performance, discipline, transfers, or promotions.

LBR-03 (07) HB1381 SB1467

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL CARE.

Gives employers an opportunity to provide employees with a designated list of physicians who treat and care for injured workers.

LBR-04 (07) HB1382 SB1468

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

Allows for settling for workers' compensation claims via an alternative dispute resolution process, rather than going to court.

LBR-05 (07) HB1383 SB1469

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

Allows small business owners, such as sole proprietors and partnerships, to opt out of the workers compensation insurance program.

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LBR-06 (07) **HB1384** **SB1470**

RELATING TO TIP CREDIT.

Increases the tip credit from 25 cents to \$1.25 in 2007, to \$2.25 in 2008, and then sets the credit at 25% of tips starting in 2009.

LBR-08 (07) **HB1385** **SB1471**

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

Allows \$265 million to be retained in the economy over the next five years by lowering the unemployment wage base from \$35,300 to the national average of \$13,000. Also sets the adequate reserve level in the unemployment insurance fund at enough money to cover 12 months of the highest unemployment insurance costs the State has paid out over the past 10 years.

LBR-13 (07) **HB1386** **SB1472**

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Requires workers' compensation doctors to use official treatment guidelines when treating an injured employee.

LNR-02 (07) **HB1387** **SB1473**

RELATING TO DERELICT VESSELS.

Clarifies that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for removing derelict boats in State waters, not boats on county roads, county lands or private property.

LNR-04 (07) **HB1388** **SB1474**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII OCEAN AND COASTAL COUNCIL.

Establishes the Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council as an official government council until July 2012.

LNR-06 (07) **HB1389** **SB1475**

RELATING TO TIME SHARES IN LAND COURT.

Eliminates the time consuming, costly, and burdensome requirement that fee-simple time share ownerships must be recorded in Land Court. They will be handled through the Bureau of Conveyances.

LNR-07 (07) **HB1390** **SB1476**

RELATING TO ACQUISITIONS UNDER CHAPTER 173A.

Allows the State to use a recent private appraisal done within the past year for acquiring a parcel of land, rather than requiring another publicly paid appraisal.

LNR-09 (07) **HB1391** **SB1477**

RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT.

Establishes a process to determine the shoreline setback area that recognizes the impact of erosion and changing beaching conditions over time.

LNR-R1 (07) **HCR30** **SCR24**

AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING PORTION OF SUBMERGED LANDS AT LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR DIVE SITE FOR COMMERCIAL SUBMARINE TOURS.

LNR-R2 (07) **HCR31** **SCR25**

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE SURFACE EASEMENT AT KAHALUU, NORTH KONA, HAWAII.

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LTG-01 (07) **HB1392** **SB1478**

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES.

Allows the Courts to enforce decisions by the Office of Information Practices covering what government records have to be disclosed to the public and what government meetings have to be held in public (Sunshine Law).

LTG-02 (07) **HB1393** **SB1479**

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT (MODIFIED).

Permits government agencies to delete social security numbers and home addresses before disclosing payroll and contracting records.

LTG-03 (07) **HB1394** **SB1480**

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT BOARDS.

Clarifies that members of a Board or Commission can meet in private to discuss who their officers shall be and what committees they will be assigned to.

LTG-04 (07) **HB1395** **SB1481**

RELATING TO INTERVENTION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Appropriates \$1.3 million to establish a pilot program to help those with substance abuse at the time they are most likely to seek help – when they are in the emergency room or hospital.

OCB-01 (07) **HB1396** **SB1482**

RELATING TO INTEREST ARBITRATION.

Requires an arbitration panel that sets public pay levels to take into consideration the impact of pay increases on other bargaining units, to use similar jobs in Hawaii to make pay comparisons, and to recognize the State's budget constraints.

PSD-01 (07) **HB1397** **SB1483**

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

Allows gender relevant programs to be set up in women's prisons, rather than requiring exactly the same programs as those offered in men's prisons.

PSD-03 (07) **HB1398** **SB1484**

RELATING TO THE GARNISHMENT OF COMMITTED PERSONS' MONEYS.

Allows the Public Safety Department to garnish the wages of inmates to pay their victims compensation for the harm they have done.

PSD-04 (07) **HB1399** **SB1485**

RELATING TO INCARCERATED PERSONS.

Clarifies that when prisoners participate in a work, education, or vocational training program, this does not make them eligible for employee benefits.

PSD-05 (07) **HB1400** **SB1486**

RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES.

Allows the State's Adult Corrections Officers to purchase their uniforms directly from Correctional Industries.

PSD-06 (07) **HB1401** **SB1487**

RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Conforms Hawaii's list of controlled substances to the official federal list.

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PSD-07 (07) **HB1402** **SB1488**

RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES.

Deletes the 45 temporary employee limit imposed on Correctional Industries so that it can hire sufficient people to provide vocational training for inmates.

PSD-08 (07) **HB1403** **SB1489**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY.

Allows the two part-time Paroling Authority Board members to become full time members of the Board.

PSD-09 (07) **HB1404** **SB1490**

RELATING TO PRISON LITIGATION.

Similar to federal law, restricts inmates to a total of three frivolous lawsuits they can file against the staff of the Public Safety Department.

PSD-10 (07) **HB1405** **SB1491**

RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Allows fees from manufacturers and distributors of controlled substances to be used to operate the State's forensic lab and to investigate violations of the controlled substances laws.

PSD-12 (07) **HB1406** **SB1492**

RELATING TO ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR.

Makes it a crime in the first or second degree to cause a child to inhale, ingest, inject, or use a controlled substance not prescribed by a doctor.

TAX-01 (07) **HB1407** **SB1493**

RELATING TO INCREASING THE STANDARD DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXATION.

Increases the standard deduction to 75% of the 2005 federal level.

TAX-04 (07) **HB1408** **SB1494**

RELATING TO INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS TO CHAPTER 235, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Requires the Director of Taxation to annually adjust for inflation the standard deduction, personal exemptions, and income tax brackets.

TAX-06 (07) **HB1409** **SB1495**

RELATING TO TAXATION.

Increases the personal exemption for children under the age of 19 by \$1,000 for families with household incomes under \$100,000 and \$500 for those with household incomes between \$100,000 and \$200,000. Also increases the dependent care tax credit from \$2,400 to \$5,000 per dependent to help offset the costs of child care, care of an aging parent, or care of a disabled loved one.

TAX-09 (07) **HB1410** **SB1496**

RELATING TO AN EXEMPTION FROM THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

Eliminates the GET tax on eleven essential foods such as milk, eggs, and infant formula, deleting \$40 million in annual taxes paid on these foods.

TAX-11 (07) **HB1411** **SB1497**

RELATING TO CONFORMITY OF THE HAWAII INCOME TAX LAW TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

Aligns Hawaii's income tax laws to the Internal Revenue Code for 2006.

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TAX-13 (07) HB1412 SB1498

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION'S BENEFITS-FUNDED REVENUE-GENERATING COMPUTER INITIATIVES.

Allows the Department of Taxation to share the additional revenues it collects from enhanced computer tax collection systems with the private company that developed the computer system.

TAX-14 (07) HB1413 SB1499

RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION.

Places responsibility on the tax preparer to make sure the information they receive is correct and complete. Penalizes those who create unreasonable tax shelters. Makes it a felony to fail to pay your taxes and allows the Department of Taxation to impose a fine against someone who fails to file a tax return.

TAX-20 (07) HB1414 SB1500

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION COUNTY SURCHARGE IMPLEMENTATION COSTS.

Makes an emergency appropriation of \$4.5 million to cover the costs incurred by the State in setting up the collection system for the Oahu county's ½% GET surcharge.

TAX-27 (07) HB1415 SB1501

RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS TAX CREDITS.

Appropriates \$250,000 for the Department of Taxation to contract for and conduct studies of the economic impacts of high technology and research tax credits, often referred to as Act 221/215 tax credits.

TAX-30 (07) HB1416 SB1502

RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION ON THE SALE OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL.

Permanently exempts from the GET tax fuels blended with biofuels, such as ethanol, as well as biodiesel fuel.

TAX-32 (07) HB1417 SB1503

RELATING TO THE CLARIFICATION OF THE DIVIDENDS RECEIVED DEDUCTION WITH RESPECT TO DIVIDENDS RECEIVED BY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS.

Conforms to federal law, the State's tax treatment of a dividend a corporation receives from a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT).

TAX-33 (07) HB1418 SB1504

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC FILING OF TAX RETURNS.

Allows the State Department of Taxation to require out of state corporations to file their taxes electronically.

TAX-34 (07) HB1419 SB1505

RELATING TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

Provides a one-time cash refund of \$100 per dependent for households making 100,000 or less and \$25 per dependent for families making over \$100,000.

TRN-01 (07) HB1420 SB1506

RELATING TO RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE SURCHARGE TAX.

Continues the \$1 surcharge paid by visitors on rental cars to help fund improvements to the State highway system. This surcharge raises about \$14 million per year.

TRN-03 (07) HB1421 SB1507

RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Increases the fines and penalties from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for those who vandalize public property with graffiti.

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TRN-04 (07) **HB1422** **SB1508**

RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

Increases the fines and penalties for those who fail to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, including losing your driver's license and serving jail time.

TRN-05 (07) **HB1423** **SB1509**

RELATING TO HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES.

Allows the Director of Transportation to establish the number of riders in High Occupancy Vehicle lanes to meet actual traffic conditions.

TRN-06 (07) **HB1424** **SB1510**

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Gives the Director of Transportation discretion to work with private partners to construct and operate access-controlled toll highways.

TRN-07 (07) **HB1425** **SB1511**

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

Requires agencies to consider doing highway maintenance at night. Clarifies that the State Department of Transportation is not obligated to maintain roads on federal lands, county roads, or private driveways. Does not allow other government organizations to use State highway funds without the consent of the State Department of Transportation.

TRN-09 (07) **HB1426** **SB1512**

RELATING TO DEFERRED PLEAS.

Conforms State law to federal requirements that the holder of a commercial driver's license cannot plead "no contest" to a traffic violation and retain their commercial driver's license.

TRN-10 (07) **HB1427** **SB1513**

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

Eliminates the State law that sets the height of automobile headlights and instead allows the manufacturer to establish the proper height. Also deletes the height requirement for license plates.

TRN-11 (07) **HB1428** **SB1514**

RELATING TO TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND.

Provides a cash infusion of \$36.4 million per year for the next two years to ensure the basic highway repairs and construction can be undertaken.

TRN-12 (07) **HB1429** **SB1515**

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Allows the Department of Transportation to assess a tenant that violated federal environmental laws the full amount of a federally-imposed fine for air and water pollution violations. Currently State law caps fines at \$10,000 per day but the federal government can levy fines up to \$27,500 per day.

UOH-01 (07) **HB1430** **SB1516**

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Allows the University of Hawaii to set up its own system for the purchases of goods and services.

UOH-03 (07) **HB1431** **SB1517**

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Sets up a governor's advisory council to screen and interview candidates for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.
