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Private file: HGEAbills

+HI H 111 **AUTHOR:** Rhoads (D)
TITLE: Indebtedness Recovery
INTRODUCED: 01/21/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Establishes a two year statute of limitations for recovering indebtedness to State through withholding of state salary.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
 Latest draft establishes a 3-yr. statute of limitations for recovering overpayments.
AssignedTo: | †
Position: Support
Priority: 1

+HI H 200 **COMPANION:** HI S 200
AUTHOR: Say (D)
TITLE: State Budget
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Provides for operating and capital improvement appropriations and authorizations for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2009-2011.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
 Support Senate version of budget except for elimination of HIOSH program.
AssignedTo:
Priority: 1

+HI H 300 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)
TITLE: Judiciary Appropriations
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Appropriates funds to the Judiciary for fiscal biennium 2009-2010.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
AssignedTo:
Priority: 1, Watch

+HI H 541 **AUTHOR:** Takumi (D)
TITLE: Civil Service Benefits and Department Of Education
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Ensures that civil service benefits for department of education civil service employees are the same as those provided to civil service employees of other executive branch employees until 6/30/12.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
AssignedTo:
Position: Support
Priority: 1

+HI H 694 **AUTHOR:** Yamane (D)
TITLE: HHSC and Maui Regional Health Care System Transfer
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee
SUMMARY:
Authorizes Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and the Maui Regional System Board to remove the Maui Regional Health Care System and its facilities from HHSC by transferring regional assets to a legal entity which will finance and continue to provide health care services to Maui.
STATUS:
04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
Prefer Senate omnibus bill S.B. 1673, which moves HHSC under DOH.
AssignedTo:
Position: Oppose
Priority: 1

+HI H 952 **AUTHOR:** Pine (R)
TITLE: Labor Unions and Private Sector
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
Relates to Labor Unions; certifies entities as exclusive representatives absent an election where no other representatives are certified as the exclusive bargaining representatives; requires immediate collective bargaining between parties once entities are certified as exclusive representatives.
STATUS:
04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
Hawaii Employee Free Choice Act
AssignedTo:
Position: Support
Priority: 1

+HI H 1040 **COMPANION:** HI S 858
AUTHOR: Say (D)
TITLE: Tort Liability and Lifeguards
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
(Governor's Package Bill) Repeals the sunset date and makes permanent the law shielding county lifeguards from liability; makes permanent the limitation on liability of the state and counties for incidents arising on improved public lands, provided that certain signage requirements are met.
STATUS:
04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
Prefer House version, which makes exemptions permanent.
AssignedTo:
Position: Support
Priority: 1

+HI H 1204 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)
TITLE: Tourism Special Fund Transient Accommodation
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires, for fiscal year 2009-2010 and fiscal year 2010-2011 only, an additional distribution of not more than \$10,000,000 in transient accommodations tax revenues to the tourism special fund.
STATUS:

04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
 Oppose either version which takes money from state general fund
AssignedTo: |
Position: Oppose
Priority: 1

+HI H 1260 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)
TITLE: Government
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee
SUMMARY:
 Relates to government; establishes a state securitization account within the Department of Accounting and General Services; provides that by July 30 of each year, the director of finance shall transfer all excess non-general funds into the state securitization account.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
 Reorganizes certain executive branch agencies by abolishing or transferring agencies and programs to correspond to H.B. 200, H.D.1 (State Budget). Oppose SD 1 version which eliminates HIOSH, effective 10/1/2010.
AssignedTo: |
Position: Neutral
Priority: 1

+HI H 1271 **AUTHOR:** Morita (D)
TITLE: Food and Energy Security Program
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Establishes the Hawaii economic development task force to address Hawaii's energy and food security needs; increases the tax collected on each barrel of petroleum product sold by a distributor; allocates portions of the taxes collected to various funds, including the general fund. Suspends for 36 months the requirement that gasoline sold in the State for use in motor vehicles contain 10% ethanol by volume.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
AssignedTo: |
Position: Support
Priority: 1
Subject: Taxation

*+HI H 1405 **AUTHOR:** Choy (D)
TITLE: Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Amendments
INTRODUCED: 01/27/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Adopts amendments to Hawaii tax laws to implement the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
 Support S.D. 2 version but oppose H.D. 2 version.
Position: Support
Priority: 1
Subject: Taxation

+HI H 1451 **AUTHOR:** Wakai (D)
TITLE: High Technology Tax Credits and Extension

INTRODUCED: 01/27/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee

SUMMARY:

Extends the technology infrastructure renovation tax credit and the tax credit for research activities until 2015; requires a ten per cent increase in workforce to continue claiming the research activated tax credit after two years; provides for recapture of these tax credits if the business leaves Hawaii; precludes claiming the high technology business investment tax credit for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

STATUS:

04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.

Commentary:

Prefer H.D. 2 version, which limits the credit more and imposes greater accountability.

AssignedTo:

Position: Support
Priority: 1
Subject: Taxation

+HI H 1605 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)
TITLE: Taxation and Hawaii Tax Review Initiative
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee

SUMMARY:

Establishes the Hawaii tax review initiative to review and report on whether Hawaii's tax policies are relevant and effective in achieving Hawaii's long-term economic and social goals and objectives.

STATUS:

04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.

Commentary:

Proposed SD 1 authorizes each county to establish a retail sales tax on tangible property. Support concept of raising revenues to balance the budget.

AssignedTo:

Position: Support
Priority: 1
Subject: Taxation

+HI H 1744 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)
TITLE: Transient Accommodations Tax
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Suspends for 6 years from 07/01/2009 to 06/30/2015 the distribution of transient accommodations tax revenues to the counties.

STATUS:

04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.

Commentary:

Latest amendment by Senate Ways and Means permanently repealed the distribution of the TAT to the counties, but authorizes each county to impose a surcharge on the TAT, not to exceed 5%.

Commentary001:

Support concept of raising taxes to balance the budget, but oppose removing the TAT from the counties.

AssignedTo:

Position: Oppose
Priority: 1
Subject: Taxation

*+HI HCR 33 **COMPANION:** HI SCR 27
AUTHOR: Yamane (D)
TITLE: Medicare Reimbursements
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009

Position: Support
Priority: 1
Subject: Taxation

+HI S 971 **COMPANION:** HI H 1153
AUTHOR: Hanabusa (D)
TITLE: Conformity of Income Tax Laws
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
(Governor's Package Bill) Relates to Income Tax; Conformity to the Internal Revenue Code for 2008.
STATUS:
04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
Latest draft passed by House Finance deleted the taxation of pensions. Oppose taxation of pension income unless at high amount (\$100,000 and above).
AssignedTo:
Priority: 1, Watch
Subject: Taxation

+HI S 1122 **AUTHOR:** Takamine (D)
TITLE: Public Employment and Exempt Civil Service
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee
SUMMARY:
Amends various sections of HRS to comply with Act 253, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, which places restrictions on the creation of civil service exempt positions and requires an annual review of exempt positions to determine whether they should be converted to civil service positions.
STATUS:
04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
Protects rights of public employees by preserving health, retirement, leave, and other benefits if furloughs are implemented in FY 2009-13. Oppose furlough bill, but support exempt bill which is the Senate version.
AssignedTo:
Position: Oppose
Priority: 1

+HI S 1271 **AUTHOR:** Kim (D)
TITLE: Vacation Allowance and Exemptions
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires state executive department and state legislative branch employees who are exempt from chapter 76, HRS (civil service law) to use or donate accumulated and accrued vacation allowance prior to discharge, or to forfeit remaining vacation allowance and any compensation in lieu of retaining vacation allowance upon discharge; sunsets December 31, 2010.
STATUS:
04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
Latest amendment by House creates a government attrition policy. previous Senate version targets exempt managerial employees by
(1) requiring managerial employees in the legislative and executive branches of government who are exempt from civil service to forfeit vacation leave that the employee has not used or donated prior to termination from public employment; and
(2) prohibiting these employees from being reemployed by the same department in which they were employed immediately prior to the discharge. If bill changes back to Senate version MCEC chapter should testify against.

LAST AMEND: 04/17/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Human Services Committee

SUMMARY:

Requests the centers for medicare and medicaid services to consider raising the medicare fee schedule payment amounts for physicians rendering services in hawaii.

STATUS:

04/21/2009 To SENATE Committee on HUMAN SERVICES.

Commentary:

Proposed HD1 calls for an audit of DHS contracts.

AssignedTo:

Position: Support

Priority: 1

+HI HCR 92

AUTHOR: Hanohano (D)
TITLE: Department of Public Safety Audit
INTRODUCED: 02/25/2009
LAST AMEND: 03/19/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/27/2009 9:30 am

SUMMARY:

Requests the auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of the Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Division, and to report on the suitability of the administrative organization of the Department of Public Safety and Sheriff Division.

STATUS:

04/21/2009 To SENATE Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

AssignedTo:

Position: Support

Priority: 1

+HI S 294

AUTHOR: Kim (D)
TITLE: State Departments
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee

SUMMARY:

Clarifies the role of Department of Business and Economic Development with respect to making recommendations to other state departments; makes the recommendations and actions subject to legislative review.

STATUS:

04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.

Commentary:

Reorganizes several executive branch agencies to correspond with H.B. 200, H.D. 1 (State Budget).

AssignedTo:

Priority: 1, Watch

+HI S 884

COMPANION: HI H 1066
AUTHOR: Hanabusa (D)
TITLE: Transfer Of Non-general Funds
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee

SUMMARY:

(Governor's Package Bill) Transfers excess balances from certain special funds to the general fund to address the budget shortfall in fiscal biennium 2009-2011.

STATUS:

04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.

Commentary:

Support basic concept with preference for either version.

AssignedTo:

AssignedTo: ~~Cauley~~
Position: Support
Priority: 1

+HI S 1678 **AUTHOR:** Fukunaga (D)
TITLE: Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Amendments
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Adopts amendments to Hawaii tax laws to implement the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
 Prefer Senate version, which advances Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement.
AssignedTo: ..
Position: Support
Priority: 1
Subject: Taxation

+HI SCR 64 **AUTHOR:** Takamine (D)
TITLE: Periodic Repricing Assignment of Classes
INTRODUCED: 03/13/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/08/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: House Labor and Public Employment Committee
HEARING: 04/24/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
 Requests each jurisdiction within the state of Hawaii to submit periodic repricing reviews of classes, as required under Section 89-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
STATUS:
 04/14/2009 To HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.
AssignedTo: ..
Position: Support
Priority: 1

+HI SCR 67 **AUTHOR:** Takamine (D)
TITLE: Deferred Compensation Plan House and Senate Committees
INTRODUCED: 03/13/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/08/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee
SUMMARY:
 Requests the house and senate committees on labor to conduct joint hearings to assess the performance of the board of trustees of the deferred compensation plan and plan administrators, and to recommend appropriate means to resolve complaints by plan members.
STATUS:
 04/14/2009 To HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.
AssignedTo: J
Position: Support
Priority: 1

AssignedTo: Joan
Priority: 1, Watch

+HI S 1621 **AUTHOR:** Takamine (D)
TITLE: Collective Bargaining
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Allows union certification of certain employees or employee groups by signed authorization from the employee; requires collective bargaining to begin upon union certification; sets certain deadlines for initial collective bargaining agreement procedures and conciliation of disputes; sets civil penalty for unfair labor practices; extends certain authorities to labor organizations representing employees for collective bargaining.
STATUS:
 04/17/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
NOTES: Hawaii Employees Free Choice Act
Commentary:
 Certifies entities as exclusive representatives without an election where no other representatives are certified as the exclusive bargaining representatives. Requires immediate collective bargaining between parties once entities are certified as exclusive representatives.
AssignedTo:
Position: Support
Priority: 1

+HI S 1673 **AUTHOR:** Hanabusa (D)
TITLE: Health Systems Corporation
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Conference Committee
SUMMARY:
 Authorizes a facility or regional health care system under the Hawaii health systems corporation, or the corporation itself, to transition into a new legal entity, including a nonprofit or for-profit corporation, municipal facility, or public benefit corporation.
STATUS:
 04/20/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
 Transfers the community hospitals of the state government to the department of health from the Hawaii health systems corporation and abolishes the corporation and its regional boards. Provides for the repeal of the transfer provisions and enabling law for the community hospitals on June 30, 2012. Establishes a transition committee to conduct a study to determine a permanent structure for the community hospitals and requires a report before 1/1/2011. (SB1673 HD2)
AssignedTo:
Position: Support
Priority: 1

+HI S 1677 **AUTHOR:** Hanabusa (D)
TITLE: Ceded Lands and Public Lands
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LAST AMEND: 04/03/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
 Requires two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to adopt concurrent resolution to sell or exchange certain public lands.
STATUS:
 04/20/2009 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.
Commentary:
 Support general concept of legislative approval before ceded lands are sold.