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HI H 172     **AUTHOR:**               Takumi (D)  
**TITLE:**                        Schools and Reconstitution  
**INTRODUCED:**               01/22/2009  
**LAST AMEND:**                02/17/2009  
**DISPOSITION:**               Pending  
**LOCATION:**                    House Finance Committee  
**SUMMARY:**  
Allows the Superintendent of Education to reconstitute a public school, except a charter school, which has been in restructuring for three or more school years; also allows the Superintendent to recommend to the charter school review panel actions that should be taken to reconstitute a charter school which has been in restructuring for three or more school years, and recommend that the charter school review panel revoke the charter school's charter.  
**STATUS:**  
02/17/2009                        In HOUSE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted.  
House Draft 1.  
02/17/2009                        To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.  
**Position:**                    Oppose  
**Priority:**                      1

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HI H 187     **AUTHOR:**                Saiki (D)  
**TITLE:**                     Earned Income Tax Credit  
**INTRODUCED:**               01/22/2009  
**DISPOSITION:**               Pending  
**LOCATION:**                  House Finance Committee  
**SUMMARY:**  
Provides a state earned income tax credit.  
**STATUS:**  
01/26/2009                        To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.  
**Position:**                    Support  
**Priority:**                      1

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HI H 444     **AUTHOR:**                Oshiro B (D)  
**TITLE:**                     Civil Unions  
**INTRODUCED:**               01/23/2009  
**LAST AMEND:**               02/10/2009  
**DISPOSITION:**               Pending  
**COMMITTEE:**                House Judiciary Committee  
**HEARING:**                  02/24/2009 9:00 am  
**SUMMARY:**  
Extends the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.  
**STATUS:**  
02/18/2009                        To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS.  
**NOTES:**                      Civil Unions  
**Position:**                    Support  
**Priority:**                      1

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HI H 541     **AUTHOR:**                Takumi (D)  
**TITLE:**                     Civil Service Benefits and Department Of Education  
**INTRODUCED:**               01/23/2009  
**DISPOSITION:**               Pending  
**LOCATION:**                  House Finance Committee  
**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:**

02/10/2009

In HOUSE. Read second time.

02/10/2009

To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.

**Position:**

Support

**Priority:**

1

HI H 629

**AUTHOR:**

Rhoads (D)

**TITLE:**

Liquor Commission Employees

**INTRODUCED:**

01/23/2009

**LAST AMEND:**

02/09/2009

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

House Judiciary Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Repeals section 281-22, HRS, which allows liquor commission employees to support, advocate, or aid in the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

**STATUS:**

02/09/2009

In HOUSE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted.  
House Draft 1.

02/09/2009

To HOUSE Committee on JUDICIARY.

**Position:**

Support

**Priority:**

1

HI H 696

**AUTHOR:**

Yamane (D)

**TITLE:**

Health Systems Corporation

**INTRODUCED:**

01/23/2009

**LAST AMEND:**

02/13/2009

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

House Labor and Public Employment Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Creates a separate collective bargaining unit for employees of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

**STATUS:**

02/13/2009

In HOUSE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted.  
House Draft 1.

02/13/2009

To HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

**Commentary:**

Bill had triple referral: Health, Labor and Public Employment, and Finance. It did not make internal deadline and is dead at this point.

**Position:**

Oppose

**Priority:**

1

HI H 821

**AUTHOR:**

Nishimoto (D)

**TITLE:**

Tax Expenditures

**INTRODUCED:**

01/26/2009

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

House Finance Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Requires an annual review of all state tax expenditures.

**STATUS:**

01/28/2009

To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.

**Position:**

Support

**Priority:**

1

HI H 952

**AUTHOR:**

Pine (R)

**TITLE:**

Labor Unions and Private Sector

**INTRODUCED:**

01/26/2009

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:** House Labor and Public Employment Committee  
**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:**  
02/20/2009 Withdrawn from HOUSE Committee on ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.  
02/20/2009 To HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.  
**Commentary:**  
Hawaii Employee Free Choice Act  
**Priority:** 1

HI H 993 **AUTHOR:** Rhoads (D)  
**TITLE:** Constitution and Projected Excess Revenues  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/26/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/20/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** House Finance Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Routes a portion of projected increases in general fund revenues to emergency and budget reserve fund established by law; sets 7% as the percentage that triggers the disposition.  
**STATUS:**  
02/20/2009 In HOUSE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted. House Draft 1.  
02/20/2009 To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1

HI H 1106 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)  
**TITLE:** Governors Package Bill - Public Employment  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/26/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** House Labor and Public Employment Committee  
**SUMMARY:** (Governor's Package Bill) Relates to Public Employment and Furloughs.  
**STATUS:**  
01/30/2009 To HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.  
**Commentary:**  
Bill failed to make internal deadline for referral to final committee in the House. Bill is dead.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1

HI H 1204 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)  
**TITLE:** Tourism Special Fund Transient Accommodation  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/26/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/18/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** House Finance 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:**  
02/18/2009 In HOUSE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted. House Draft 1.  
02/18/2009 To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1



**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:**

01/30/2009 To HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

**Commentary:**

Bill failed to meet internal deadlines for referral to final committee. Bill is dead.

**Position:** Oppose

**Priority:** 1

HI H 1586

**AUTHOR:** Say (D)

**TITLE:** Taxation and Out-of-state Business

**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009

**DISPOSITION:** Pending

**LOCATION:** House Finance Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Creates a nexus standard for taxing out-of-state businesses on their business activities in Hawaii.

**STATUS:**

02/19/2009 In HOUSE. Read second time.

02/19/2009 To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.

02/19/2009 In HOUSE. Read second time.

02/19/2009 To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.

**Position:** Support

**Priority:** 1

HI H 1715

**AUTHOR:** Say (D)

**TITLE:** Employees' Retirement System

**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009

**DISPOSITION:** Failed

**LOCATION:** Died

**SUMMARY:**

Increases, for new public employees, the minimum age and length of service for an unreduced service retirement allowance.

**STATUS:**

02/17/2009 In HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Held in committee.

**Position:** Oppose

**Priority:** 1

HI H 1718

**AUTHOR:** Say (D)

**TITLE:** Medicare Part B Premiums

**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009

**DISPOSITION:** Failed

**LOCATION:** Died

**SUMMARY:**

Specifies that the requirement that the State and the counties reimburse retired employees for medicare part B premiums through the employer-union trust fund applies only to the employees who retire prior to 12/31/09.

**STATUS:**

02/13/2009 In HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Held in committee.

**Position:** Oppose

**Priority:** 1

HI H 1719

**AUTHOR:** Say (D)

**TITLE:**

**INTRODUCED:** Retirement Prior To Medicare Age  
01/28/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Failed  
**LOCATION:** Died  
**SUMMARY:**

Suspends state and county contributions to the EUTF for all state and county employee-beneficiaries who retire after 7/1/09, regardless of date of hire and years of service, if the employee retires before the employee's medicare retirement age; resumes coverage after medicare retirement age; allows employee to retain health coverage through the EUTF by paying the respective state or county share of premiums until medicare retirement age.

**STATUS:**  
02/13/2009 In HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Held in committee.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1

HI H 1723 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)  
**TITLE:** Employer-union Health Benefit Trust Fund  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Failed  
**LOCATION:** Died  
**SUMMARY:**

Makes employer contributions to the employer-union health benefits trust fund non-negotiable under collective bargaining; establishes employer contributions for active public employees at 55 per cent of monthly cost of the health benefits plan.

**STATUS:**  
02/17/2009 In HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Held in committee.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1

HI H 1725 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)  
**TITLE:** Public Employees' Health Benefits Plan  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Failed  
**LOCATION:** Died  
**SUMMARY:**

Prohibits, as specified, health benefits plan of the employer-union health benefits trust fund from providing prescription drug coverage; allows board of trustees to make prescription drug benefits available through drug coverage plans that are paid for entirely by employee-beneficiaries.

**STATUS:**  
02/17/2009 In HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Held in committee.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1

HI H 1726 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)  
**TITLE:** Hawaii Employer-union Health Benefits Trust Fund  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Failed  
**LOCATION:** Died  
**SUMMARY:**

Prohibits the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund from providing group life insurance benefits if any of the premiums are paid by the State or a county; allows the trust fund to contract with a group life insurer to make available group life insurance benefits to employee-beneficiaries provided that none of the premiums are paid by the State or any county and the insurer pays a fee to the board of trustees.

**STATUS:**

02/17/2009 In HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Held in committee.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1

HI H 1727 **AUTHOR:** Say (D)  
**TITLE:** Public Employees' Health Benefits Plan  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Failed  
**LOCATION:** Died  
**SUMMARY:**  
 Prohibits the health benefits plan of the employer-union health benefits trust fund from providing dental and vision coverage from 07/01/2009 until 06/30/2015; allows the board of trustees to make dental and vision benefits available to employee-beneficiaries at no cost to the employers.  
**STATUS:**  
 02/17/2009 In HOUSE Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Held in committee.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 518 **AUTHOR:** Baker (D)  
**TITLE:** Bargaining Units and Hawaii Health Systems  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/23/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Health Committee  
**SUMMARY:**  
 Establishes separate bargaining units for the employees of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.  
**STATUS:**  
 01/28/2009 To SENATE Committee on LABOR.  
 01/28/2009 Additionally referred to SENATE Committee on HEALTH.  
**Commentary:**  
 Bill failed to meet internal timetable for referral to final committee. The bill is dead.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1120 **AUTHOR:** Sakamoto (D)  
**TITLE:** Charter Schools and Civil Service Status  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/26/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Labor  
**HEARING:** 02/24/2009 2:45 pm  
**SUMMARY:**  
 Clarifies civil service status of employees at 2 conversion charter schools, Waiialae and Lanikai elementary schools.  
**STATUS:**  
 02/18/2009 From SENATE Committee on EDUCATION AND HOUSING: Do pass.  
 02/18/2009 In SENATE. Read second time.  
 02/18/2009 To SENATE Committee on LABOR.  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1122 **AUTHOR:** Takamine (D)  
**TITLE:** Public Employment and Exempt Civil Service  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/26/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/20/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending

**LOCATION:** Senate Ways and Means 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:**

02/20/2009 From SENATE Committee on LABOR: Do pass as amended.  
 02/20/2009 In SENATE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted.  
 Senate Draft 1.  
 02/20/2009 To SENATE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1247

**AUTHOR:** Fukunaga (D)  
**TITLE:** Sunset and Repeal Tax Credits  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/20/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Ways and Means Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Sunset and repeals numerous tax credits over a five-year period beginning on December 31, 2010 and requires the department of taxation to review, evaluate, and report on the various tax credits that are scheduled for repeal.

**STATUS:**

02/20/2009 From SENATE Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY: Do pass as amended.  
 02/20/2009 In SENATE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted.  
 Senate Draft 1.  
 02/20/2009 To SENATE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1271

**AUTHOR:** Kim (D)  
**TITLE:** Vacation Allowance and Exemptions  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/20/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Ways and Means 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:**

02/20/2009 From SENATE Committee on LABOR: Do pass as amended.  
 02/20/2009 In SENATE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted.  
 Senate Draft 1.  
 02/20/2009 To SENATE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1346

**AUTHOR:** Sakamoto (D)  
**TITLE:** Education Funding  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/20/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Ways and Means Committee  
**SUMMARY:**

Increases the general excise tax to fund public education; exempts groceries, certain medical expenses, and a portion of rent from the general excise tax; establishes a state earned income tax credit; establishes a tax credit for volunteer services performed in public schools; increases the standard deduction; establishes an education funding commission to provide oversight for general excise tax revenues.

**STATUS:**

02/20/2009 From SENATE Committee on EDUCATION AND HOUSING: Do pass as amended.  
 02/20/2009 In SENATE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted. Senate Draft 1.  
 02/20/2009 To SENATE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1621 **AUTHOR:** Takamine (D)  
**TITLE:** Collective Bargaining  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/20/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
**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:**  
 02/20/2009 From SENATE Committee on LABOR: Do pass as amended.  
 02/20/2009 In SENATE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted. Senate Draft 1.  
 02/20/2009 To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.  
**NOTES:** Hi. EFCA  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1624 **AUTHOR:** Hooser (D)  
**TITLE:** Constitutional Amendment and Excess Funds  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
**SUMMARY:**  
 Allows the legislature to either fund the tax credit under article VII, section 6 of the state constitution or deposit the same amount into the emergency and budget reserve "rainy day" fund.  
**STATUS:**  
 02/20/2009 From SENATE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS: Do pass.  
 02/20/2009 In SENATE. Read second time.  
 02/20/2009 To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1673 **AUTHOR:** Hanabusa (D)  
**TITLE:** Health Systems Corporation  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/20/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Ways and Means 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:**

02/20/2009 From SENATE Committee on HEALTH: Do pass as amended.  
 02/20/2009 In SENATE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted.  
 Senate Draft 1.  
 02/20/2009 To SENATE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.  
**Priority:** 1  
**Subject:** Health

HI S 1677 **AUTHOR:** Hanabusa (D)  
**TITLE:** Ceded Lands and Public Lands  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/18/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** HOUSE  
**SUMMARY:**  
 Requires two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to adopt concurrent resolution to sell or exchange certain public lands.  
**STATUS:**  
 02/20/2009 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. \*\*\*\*\*To HOUSE.  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1

HI S 1678 **AUTHOR:** Fukunaga (D)  
**TITLE:** Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Amendments  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/28/2009  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/19/2009  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Ways and Means Committee  
**SUMMARY:**  
 Adopts amendments to Hawaii tax laws to implement the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.  
**STATUS:**  
 02/19/2009 From SENATE Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY: Do pass as amended.  
 02/19/2009 In SENATE. Read second time. Committee amendment adopted.  
 Senate Draft 1.  
 02/19/2009 To SENATE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:** 1