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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 30, 2015  
TIME: 8:30 am  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<a href="#"><u>SB 3</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO PUBLIC BOARDS. Requires a board chair to provide notice to a board member who fails to attend four consecutive duly noticed meetings. Requires the board chair to provide notice to the board member who accumulates four unexcused absences of the board member's termination. Requires a board chair to notify in writing the applicable nominating authority of any vacancy resulting from termination, resignation, expiration of the term, or any other reason, within fifteen days after the vacancy occurs.	JDL
<a href="#"><u>SB 107</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO COURT FEES. Increases various court service fees of the sheriff, police, and other authorized independent process servers.	JDL, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 223</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN. Prohibits the office of the public guardian from petitioning for its own appointment as guardian of the person for an incapacitated person. Authorizes the court to allow the office to manage a ward's financial assets where no conservatorship is in effect.	JDL
<a href="#"><u>SB 142</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO THE WAILUKU STATE OFFICE MASTER PLAN. Requires the department of accounting and general services to develop a Wailuku state office master plan to address the shortage of space in the Wailuku state office building and old courthouse building. Makes an appropriation.	JDL, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 137</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE. Requires the comptroller, as of July 1, 2015, to annually adjust for inflation the cap amount for settlements for claims against the State that shall be paid from the State risk management revolving fund then report and publish the cap amount.	JDL, WAM



<p><a href="#"><u>SB 143</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD VALUE IN CONTROVERSY REQUIREMENT FOR JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES AT COMMON LAW FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000. Proposes an amendment to article I, section 13, of the Hawaii Constitution to increase the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law from \$5,000 to \$10,000.</p>	<p>JDL</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 144</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO JURY TRIAL. Increases the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law from \$5,000 to \$10,000.</p>	<p>JDL</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 147</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. Creates procedural and administrative requirements for law enforcement agencies for eyewitness identifications of suspects in criminal investigations. Grants a defendant the right to challenge an eyewitness identification to be used at trial in a pretrial evidentiary hearing. Takes effect 01/01/2016.</p>	<p>JDL</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 136</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CHILD WITNESS TESTIMONY. Enacts the Uniform Child Witness Testimony by Alternative Methods Act, which authorizes courts to allow for children to testify in a place other than an open forum or away from the finder of fact, court, or parties.</p>	<p>JDL</p>

**Decision Making to follow, if time permits.**

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**FOR AMENDED NOTICES:** Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

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Chair

