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With deadlines flying by and bills being passed from one committee to the next, it's difficult to keep up with all that goes on in the Legislature. **Capitol Connection** is a great resource for quick updates on legislative matters and community events and services.

Friday, April 5th, marks Second Decking which is the last day to "deck" bills which were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body.

To provide sufficient time for the house that drafted the bill to consider the other body's amendments, this deadline is set to deck all bills that were amended by the house from which the bill did not originate.

If one house amends a measure, the other house is given the opportunity to agree or disagree with the amendments made. A House-Senate conference committee is then used to resolve any formal disagreements.

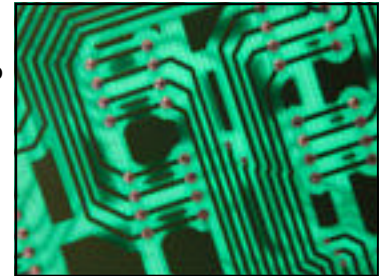
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Digital Media Update

SB2270 SD2 HD1 appropriates funds and allocates state and district resource teacher positions to educate public school students about the history and the lessons of the World War II exclusion, removal, and detention versus inclusion, participation, and empowerment of persons of Japanese ancestry. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in House Draft 1 and has been referred to the House committee on Finance.

SB3021 SD2 expands the tax credit for motion picture and film production to include up to an unspecified amount of the costs of wages and salaries, capped at \$25,000 per employee; includes commercials in motion picture and film production. This measure has passed Second Reading and has been referred to the House committee on Finance.



SB3061 SD2 HD1 stimulates the economy with a variety of tax incentives, program appropriations, tasks forces, studies, and planning. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in House Draft 1 and has been referred to the House committee on Finance.

HB2576 HD 1 SD1 clarifies the application of certain high technology tax incentives; allows high technology development corporations to use federal funds and enter into undertakings with agencies of the federal government; and to agree to lawful donor conditions where funds are donated. This measure is scheduled for public decision making by the Senate committee on Ways and Means on 03-28-02 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room 211.

Bills on Education

On Higher Education:

HB1959 HD1 SD1 and **SB2067 SD2 HD1** repeal the HOPE endowment special fund and transfer the remaining balance to the University of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund to be used for programs to support underrepresented students and promote diversity. HB 1959 HD1 SD1 is scheduled for decision making by the Senate committee on Ways and Means on 03-28-02 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room 211. SB 2067 SD2 HD1 has passed Second Reading as amended in House Draft 1 and has been referred to the House committee on Finance.

HB2164 HD2 SD1 amends provisions relating to the Hawaii educator loan program and the Hawaii educator loan program special fund to clarify provisions and support teacher education and retention. This measure is scheduled for public decision making by the Senate committee on Ways and Means on 03-28-02 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room 211.

HB2172 HD1 SD1 appropriates funds for agricultural research and development and for the development of the agribusiness incubator initiative. This measure is scheduled for public decision making by the Senate committee on Ways and Means on 03-28-02 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room 211.

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What's Cooking at the Capitol?

Do you love rum cake but feel that all deserts should contain chocolate? Well this recipe for **Capitol Chocolate Kahlua Cake** may just be the answer to your chocolate cravings.

Capitol Chocolate Kahlua Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 Yellow cake mix (without pudding)
- 1 small box chocolate instant pudding
- 1 cup oil
- 1/4 cup vodka
- 1/4 cup kahlua
- 3/4 cup water
- 4 eggs

Glaze:

- 1/4 cup kahlua
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar

Directions:

Combine all cake ingredients and beat for 4 minutes. Pour the mixture into a greased and floured bundt pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 60-70 minutes. Cool until warm and invert pan onto plate. Poke holes into the warm cake with a straw. Mix together the glaze ingredients, and pour the glaze over cake. Finish by sprinkling with powdered sugar.

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Bills on Education

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HB2235 HD2 SD1 creates the Pacific Center for Ecosystem Science and appropriates funds. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in Senate Draft 1 and has been referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

HB2558 HD1 SD1 and **SB2816 SD2 HD1** create an incentive for students to become teachers and to ensure that these graduates teach in our public schools by providing tuition reimbursements over a period of years if a graduate teaches in a public school. HB 2558 HD1 SB1 has passed Second Reading as amended in Senate Draft 1 and has been referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means. SB2816 SD2 HD1 has passed Second Reading as amended in House Draft 1 and has been referred to the House committee on Finance.

SB2033 SD2 HD1 reduces the period of forgiving loans from the Hawaii educator loan program from 10 years to 6 years by forgiving 10% for each of the first 5 years and 50 per cent for the 6th year; establishes an appropriation ceiling; and authorizes up to 5% of outstanding loans for administrative costs and appropriates funds. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in House Draft 1 and has been referred to the House committee on Finance.

SB2351 SD2 HD1 establishes a nursing loan program and appropriates funds to provide loans to nursing candidates. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in House Draft 1 and has been referred to the House committee on Finance.

On Education Reform:

HB2037 HD2 SD1 creates seven educational districts; establishes a district board of education in each educational district; requires the election of the members of the district board of education at the 2004 general election. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in Senate Draft 1 and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

On Governance:

SB3018 SD1 HD1 implements decentralization of education governance and management to the school-community level and other aspects of full education reform. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in House Draft 1 and has been referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

HB2033 HD3 SD1 replaces the current board of education with elected district boards of education and a statewide board of education. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in Senate Draft 1 and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

SB2102 SD1 HD1 proposes constitutional amendments abolishing the Board of Education; requires the Governor to appoint the Superintendent of Education; requires the Superintendent to establish statewide educational policy; establishes Local District School Boards of Education to implement policy; establishes the Superintendent Selection Commission; and mandates that internal organization of the public education system be as provided by law. This measure has passed Second Reading as amended in House Draft 1 and has been referred to the House committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

On Charter Schools:

SB 2662 SD2 and **HB 2014 HD1 SD1** allow a nonprofit organization to manage and operate a new century conversion charter school as a division of the nonprofit organization, in which the charter school's local school board would consist of the board of directors of the nonprofit organization. SB 2662 SD2 was enrolled to the Governor on 03-19-02. HB2014 HD1 SD1 has passed Second Reading as amended in Senate Draft 1 and has been referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means.

