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The following summarizes selected accomplishments of the Hawaii House of Representatives during the 2022 Regular Session, as of March 8, 2022. **Please be advised that the status of the House measures listed will continue to evolve as the session progresses.** Prepared by the House Majority Staff Office as an informational service, these highlights contain digests of certain House measures and is not intended to represent a comprehensive record of all actions taken or passed by the House during the 2022 Regular Session. The measures presented are grouped by the lead subject matter committee.

AGRICULTURE

Agribusiness Development Corporation; Powers; Plan. Implements several of the recommendations of the House Investigative Committee established by House Resolution No. 164, Regular Session of 2021, by amending the focus, scope, and management of the Agribusiness Development Corporation to reflect the current state of agriculture in Hawaii and focus on statewide needs for export and consumption of local agricultural products. [HB2418 HD2](#)

Agricultural Class D Emergency Loans. Establishes the Agricultural Emergency Loan Revolving Fund, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture to fund class D emergency loans, and appropriate funds for this purpose. [HB2062 HD1](#)

Coffee Labeling; Blended Coffee; Pesticide Subsidy Program. Supports coffee growers in the State by: (1) Requiring disclosure on the label of coffee blends of the geographic and regional origins of Hawaii-grown and non-Hawaii-grown coffee, respectively, and percent by weight of the blended coffees; making it a violation to use a geographic origin in labeling or advertising for roasted or instant coffee blends that contain less than a certain percentage of coffee by weight from that geographic origin, phased in to a minimum of 51 percent; (2) Prohibiting use of the term “All Hawaiian” in labeling or advertising for roasted or instant coffee not produced entirely from green coffee beans grown in Hawaii; and (3) Appropriating funds for the Pesticide Subsidy Program for coffee berry borer or coffee leaf rust control and for one full-time equivalent position to conduct inspections. [HB1517 HD2](#)

Hawaii Farm to School Program; Farm to School Meals; Implementation Plan and Timeline. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for additional resources to help implement the Hawaii Farm to School Program, specifically to implement internal systems and controls to meet the State's local food goals in school meals. Requires the Department of Education to submit a report detailing a plan and timeline for implementation of the Hawaii Farm to School Program to the Legislature by January 1, 2023. [HB2304 HD1](#)

Two-lined Spittlebugs; Mitigation, Recovery, and Research. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to continue its efforts to mitigate and control the two-lined spittlebug and recover rangelands and pastures damaged by this pest and for research to inform best practices and monitor the status of the two-lined spittlebug. [HB1714 HD1](#)

CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Condominiums; Declaration; Developer's Public Report; Reserve Study; Petitions; Electronic, Machine, or Mail Voting; Replacement Reserves. Allows unit owners to specify in the declaration a percentage of unit owners greater than 67 percent that would be required to amend the declaration. Requires a developer's public report to include annual reserve contributions based on a reserve study. Specifies that petitions to propose amendments to the bylaws and calling special meetings must be dated and are only valid within 120 days of the earliest signature. Authorizes electronic, machine, or mail voting when a notice for voting was distributed during a state of emergency or local state of emergency, but the state of emergency or local state of emergency is no longer in effect as of the deadline for the voting, as long as the deadline is within 60 days from when the notice was distributed. Deletes the 60-day deadline for approving association meeting minutes. Allows boards of directors to post the rules for owner participation on the association website in lieu of notifying unit owners. Requires that cash flow plans be based on 30-year projections, rather than 20-year projections. [HB2272 HD1](#)

Fireworks; Fireworks Infractions; Expedited Adjudication; Fines; Judiciary. Establishes an expeditious adjudication system for the processing of fireworks infractions. Decriminalizes certain violations of the Fireworks Control Law if the total weight of the aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic is five pounds or less. Appropriates funds for the Judiciary to update the Judiciary Information Management System to implement the expeditious adjudication system. [HB2275 HD1](#)

Fireworks; Maximum Fine; Violations. Increases the generally applicable statutory fine for violations of the Fireworks Control Law from \$2,000 to \$5,000. [HB1695 HD1](#)

Fireworks; Noise Pollution; Department of Health. Specifies that certain violations of the Fireworks Control Law are also violations of the noise pollution rules adopted by the Department of Health, which may subject the violator to a citation under the State's noise pollution law. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to hire personnel and a security company to assist in the enforcement of these violations. [HB2273 HD1](#)

Special Purpose Digital Currency Company Licensure; Division of Financial Institutions; Digital Currency Innovation Lab. Beginning on January 1, 2023, establishes a program for the licensure, regulation, and oversight of special purpose digital currency companies. Authorizes a temporary extension of the operations of companies participating in the Digital Currency Innovation Lab Pilot Program, pending approval for licensure. Allows the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to hire personnel to assist with the implementation and continuing function of the special purpose digital currency company licensure program. Appropriates \$500,000 for the program. [HB2108 HD1](#)

CORRECTIONS, MILITARY, & VETERANS

Diversion, Reentry, and Rehabilitation; Services and Programs. Appropriates funds for the development and maintenance of diversion, reentry, and rehabilitation services and programs by non-profit organizations in the State. [HB2309 HD2](#)

Pilot Visitation and Family Resource Center; Waiawa Correctional Facility. Requires the Department of Human Services to continue to lead a working group to address visitation and support needs of children and families of incarcerated individuals and determine the anticipated costs to run a sustainable pilot visitation and

family resource center at Waiawa Correctional Facility on Oahu. Requires the Department of Human Services to work with the Department of Public Safety and other entities to establish the pilot visitation and family resource center at Waiawa Correctional Facility. Requires the working group to submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023. Appropriates funds for establishment of the pilot visitation and family resource center. [HB1741 HD1](#)

Probation; Review; Early Termination. Requires probation officers to conduct formal reviews of a defendant's progress halfway through the defendant's period of probation and provide information on how to file a motion for early termination of probation. Gives probation officers or law enforcement officers who have probable cause to believe a defendant has failed to comply with a discretionary condition of probation the discretion to issue the defendant a written notice of a court hearing. [HB2344 HD2](#)

Public Safety; Law Enforcement; Corrections and Rehabilitation; Training Center. Establishes a Department of Law Enforcement to consolidate and administer criminal law enforcement and investigations functions of the State. Renames the Department of Public Safety as the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, to be tasked with administering corrections, rehabilitation, and reentry of the inmate population. Transfers certain law enforcement functions to, and establishes a training center within, the Department of Law Enforcement. Establishes positions and appropriates funds for both departments. [HB2171 HD2](#)

Women's Corrections Implementation Commission; Diversion. Establishes the Women's Corrections Implementation Commission to develop and implement an evidence-based, gender-responsive plan to divert non-violent women offenders from the criminal justice system, ensure the implementation of recommendations of the House Concurrent Resolution No. 85 (2016) Task Force on Prison Reform, review the effectiveness and capacity for expansion of local resources and programs, and consider certain model programs. Appropriates funds for establishment of the commission. [HB2312 HD1](#)

CULTURE, ARTS, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Hawaiian Language; Consistent Use, Spelling, and Punctuation; Letterhead; Office Translations; List of Dialects and Variations. Requires all letterheads of the State and counties that include Hawaiian names or words to use, spell, and punctuate those names and words consistently and in conformance with certain references. Requires certain state officials to prominently display a Hawaiian language translation of the name of their respective office or department at least once on the main page of their official website and in the letterhead of their stationery. Requires the University of Hawaii to compile a full list of all dialects and other variations in the Hawaiian language currently in use and submit a report of its findings to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023. [HB2491 HD2](#)

Historic Preservation; President Barack Obama; Historical Markers. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Hawaii Tourism Authority and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, to identify significant sites in the life of President Barak Obama, the forty-fourth President of the United States of America, and determine appropriate locations for historical markers in the State to indicate those sites. Appropriates funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to place the historical markers at those locations. [HB2329 HD2](#)

Iolani Place; Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Appropriates funds for Iolani Palace, designated as the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History, and the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, designated as the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History, to be expended by the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. [HB1924](#)

La Hoihoi Ea; Restoration Day; Day of Observance. Establishes July 31 of each year as La Hoihoi Ea. [HB2475 HD1](#)

State Archives; Staff Positions; Capital Improvement Project; Records Inventory; Transfer Plan. Appropriates funds for additional staff positions at the State Archives to assist with its mission and increase public access to historical documents and artifacts. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance an additional building for the State Archives to expand and create new spaces for collections processing, storage, administrative use, public research, exhibitions, listening, learning, and community engagement. Requires all state departments, office, and agencies to conduct an inventory of all documents in their possession related to the culture and history of Hawaii and Native Hawaiians and submit a report on the inventory. Requires the State Archives to develop a transfer plan to acquire those documents and submit the plan to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2024. [HB2449 HD1](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"Hawaii Made"; "Made in Hawaii"; Brand Promotion. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to promote the acquisition of appropriate patents and copyrights for "Hawaii Made" products and conduct a study and prepare a plan for the promotion and enforcement of either a "Hawaii Made" or "Made in Hawaii" program and brand, including an evaluation of which name to use. Requires a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023. Appropriates funds for the study. [HB2082 HD2](#)

Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research Program; Manufacturing Assistance Grant Program; Excelsior Grant Program. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for its Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research Program, Manufacturing Assistance Grant Program, and Excelsior Grant Program. [HB2225 HD1](#)

Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Infrastructure Tax Credit; Loan-Out Companies; Qualified Productions. Requires every person making payment to a loan-out company and claiming the film tax credit to withhold payments to loan-out companies. Prohibits the defense of an erroneous claim for a refund or credit if the claim for refund was generated by a tax credit and sets the associated penalty at 10 percent. Requires the annual report to the Legislature by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to include the dollar amount claimed, name of the company, and name of the qualified production of the taxpayer. Requires qualified taxpayers to withhold 4.5 percent of qualified production costs and remit that amount to the Department of Taxation. Amends the use of the Tax Administration Special Fund. Authorizes the Department of Taxation to establish full-time tax auditor positions. [HB1982 HD2](#)

State Film Liaison; Creative Industries. Establishes, and appropriates funds for, the State Film Liaison within the Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to plan, develop, and execute a statewide film industry development strategy for purposes of establishing a collaborative film industry development program. [HB1983 HD1](#)

EDUCATION

Department of Education; Community Schools; Grants; Pilot Program. Requires the Department of Education to establish a two-year Sustainable Community School Pilot Program to provide grants for the planning and implementation of community schools. [HB1941 HD1](#)

Department of Education; External Contracts; Curricula, Instruction, and Testing; Advisory Committee. Requires the Department of Education to develop a plan, in consultation with the Board of Education, to reduce the use of external contracts for curricula, instruction, and testing for public schools and convene an advisory committee to assist the Department in developing and implementing the plan. Requires the Department of Education to submit an interim report no later than December 31, 2023, and a final report before the Regular Session of 2024. [HB438 HD1](#)

Educational Programs and Activities; Title IX Corollary; Reporting. Defines the scope and application of state laws prohibiting discrimination in state educational programs and activities and establishes requirements for entities that have state education programs or activities, or that receive state funding for educational programs or activities, must comply. Requires annual reports to the Legislature on the number and types of discrimination cases received by the University of Hawaii, Department of Education, and public charter schools and other relevant information. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii, Department of Education, and State Public Charter School Commission for the purposes of this measure. [HB1775 HD2](#)

School Facilities Authority; Preschool. Appropriates funds to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities. [HB2000 HD1](#)

Student Journalism; Freedom of Press; Department of Education; University of Hawaii System. Establishes the Hawaii Student Journalism Protection Act to allow student journalists at public schools and the University of Hawaii to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media and protect advisors from retaliation for refusing to infringe upon student press freedom. [HB1848 HD2](#)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project. Establishes and appropriates funds for a Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project to assist low- and moderate-income property owners, including lessees on Hawaiian home lands, with the costs of upgrading, converting, or connecting a cesspool. [HB2195 HD2](#)

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Limit; Hawaii State Energy Office; Study; Energy Security Special Fund. Establishes a goal for the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit to be at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a study to determine Hawaii's pathway to decarbonization and identify challenges, opportunities, and actions that will be needed to achieve those goals. Appropriates funds out of the Energy Security Special Fund for the study. [HB1800 HD2](#)

Electronic Devices; Manufacturers; Televisions; Recycling and Recovery. Changes the Electronic Waste and Television Recycling and Recovery Act to the Electronic Device Recycling and Recovery Act and expands the recycling and collection requirements of televisions to all electronic devices. Establishes electronic device manufacturer recycling goals and record keeping and reporting requirements for manufacturers and collectors. Requires electronic device collectors to register with the Department of Health. Requires the Electronic Device

Recycling and Recovery System to include, among other things, a description of the methods for the convenient collection of electronic devices. [HB1640 HD2](#)

Personal Care Products; Small Plastic Bottles; Lodging Establishments; Prohibition. Prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic bottles within sleeping room accommodations, any space within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the public or guests. Phases in the prohibition, beginning on January 1, 2025, for lodging establishments with more than 50 sleeping room accommodations and beginning on January 1, 2027, for lodging establishments with 50 or fewer sleeping room accommodations. Establishes fines and civil penalties for violations. [HB1645 HD2](#)

Zero-emission Vehicles; Zero-emission Vehicle Rebate Program; Public Utilities Commission. Establishes a Zero-emission Vehicle Rebate Program within the Public Utilities Commission to enable low- and moderate-income families greater access to zero-emission vehicles by providing a rebate on the point-of-sale purchase price of zero-emission vehicles. [HB2090 HD2](#)

FINANCE

Non-general Funds; Reports. Amends the contents required to be submitted in each annual non-general fund program measures report and non-general fund cost element report. Requires that budget journal details by cost element be submitted as part of each annual non-general fund cost element report. [HB1996 HD1](#)

State Bonds; State Budget. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and makes findings to declare that the issuance of the authorized bonds will not cause the State's debt limit to be exceeded. [HB1540](#)

GOVERNMENT REFORM

Campaign Spending; Nonprofit Organizations; Electioneering Communication; Donors; Disclosures; Dark Money. Requires Section 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations to disclose the name and address of donors who donate an aggregate of more than \$100, with certain exceptions. Requires persons who make an expenditure for electioneering communications in an aggregate of more than \$1,000 to include in the statement of information filed with the Campaign Spending Commission the name and address of the top three contributors or donors that contributed or donated an aggregate of more than \$100 in the preceding twelve-month period. [HB2416 HD2](#)

Electioneering Communications; Statement of Information; Disclosure Date; Actual Expenditures. Increases the threshold amount of aggregated expenditures that require disclosure of electioneering communications. Requires that disclosures of electioneering communications occur on the date the electioneering communications are publicly distributed. Specifies the disclosure date for subsequent public distribution of electioneering communications. Exempts communications in news stories or editorials published by electronic means from being considered electioneering communications. Repeals the actual expenditures exception from the definition of "electioneering communication". Applies to all elections beginning with the 2022 primary election. [HB1888 HD2](#)

Procurement; Food Contracts; Locally-Grown Food; Department of Education; Department of Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Defense; University of Hawaii System. Amends the law that requires all state departments to ensure that a certain percentage of food that is purchased is locally grown and consists of fresh local agricultural products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products, to apply only to the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Defense, and University of Hawaii System for food purchased for public schools, youth campuses, public hospitals, public prisons, and University of Hawaii facilities. Requires each of the applicable departments and the University of Hawaii System to annually report to the Legislature on its progress toward meeting these benchmarks and clarifies the information to be reported. [HB1568 HD2](#)

State Ethics Code; Live and Online Classes; Mandatory Training. Requires legislators and certain state employees to complete live ethics training within 90 days of taking office and at least once every four years thereafter. Requires new state employees to complete ethics training either live or online within 90 days of the start of employment and at least once every four years thereafter. Requires existing state legislators and employees who have not received ethics training within the immediately preceding three years to complete live or online ethics training within 12 months of the Act's effective date and then again at least once every four years thereafter. [HB1475 HD1](#)

State Procurement Office; Small Business Assistance Initiative; Small Business Procurement Coordinator; Small Business Office. Establishes the Small Business Assistance Initiative within the State Procurement Office, to consist of a Small Business Procurement Coordinator and Small Business Office. Appropriates funds for the Small Business Assistance Initiative. [HB1974 HD1](#)

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, & HOMELESSNESS

Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home; Oahu Regional Health Care System; Department of Health; Transition. Transfers the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System and then to the Department of Health as part of the Oahu Regional Health Care System transfer pursuant to Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 212). Sets requirements for operational funding by the Oahu Regional Health Care System related to the transition process and transfer of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home. Extends the date of the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System to the Department of Health by one year. Amends the composition, reporting requirements, duties, and exemptions of the transition working group established under Act 212. Appropriates funds for the creation of a comprehensive business plan and transfer framework. Specifies Department of Health authority over and requirements for certain patient care services at the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home. [HB1893 HD1](#)

Department of Health; Mental Health; Homelessness; County First Responders; Pilot Program; Report. Establishes a pilot program within the Adult Mental Services Division of the Department of Health to expand existing county programs that make one or more licensed mental health counselors available to assist county first responders in responding to mental health crises in areas in the urban core with high rates of homelessness. Requires the Department of Health to submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2024. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. [HB1666 HD1](#)

Department of Health; Testing Laboratory; Diseases; Air Quality; Water Quality. Requires the Department of Health to establish and operate a laboratory capable of testing for diseases, air and water quality issues, and other high complexity testing. Appropriates funds for the Department of Health to establish and operate a testing laboratory. [HB2515 HD2](#)

Department of Human Services; Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Medical Respite Pilot Program; Homeless Persons; Report. Establishes a three-year Medical Respite Pilot Program in counties with a population of more than six hundred thousand, overseen by the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, to provide outpatient health care and supportive services to homeless persons recently discharged from the hospital and non-hospitalized homeless persons who are being moved by police out of unauthorized spaces. Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. [HB1797 HD1](#)

Medicaid; Insurance; Health Insurers; Mutual Benefit Societies; Health Maintenance Organizations; Behavioral Health; Telephonic Services; Telehealth. Permits, but does not require, Medicaid, health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to cover telephonic behavioral health services under certain circumstances. Clarifies that telephonic services do not constitute telehealth. [HB1980 HD2](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY

Hawaii Broadband Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office; Digital Equity; Broadband Equity. Establishes the Hawaii Broadband Infrastructure Authority to oversee broadband infrastructure in the State. Strengthens and clarifies the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office's role in broadband access and digital equity. Ensures that the Hawaii Broadband Infrastructure Authority captures all the available federal funding to the State and that funding efforts among all state agencies are coordinated. Appropriates federal funds. [HB2397 HD3](#)

Hawaii Promise Program; University of Hawaii System; Scholarships. Makes higher education in Hawaii more accessible by: (1) Expanding the Hawaii Promise Program to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified undergraduate students enrolled at a four-year campus of the University of Hawaii; and (2) Providing an appropriation to establish and implement the expanded program. [HB1731 HD1](#)

Nursing; Faculty; University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to increase the State's capacity to train new nurses and project future nursing workforce needs. [HB2220 HD1](#)

University of Hawaii; Athletics. Supports athletics at the University of Hawaii by appropriating funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa and University of Hawaii at Hilo. [HB2206 HD1](#)

University of Hawaii; Residence for Tuition Purposes. Requires the tuition residency rules for the University of Hawaii to grant the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus, including any community college, to all Hawaii high school graduates and persons who have received equivalent graduation credentials in the State should they choose to return from out of state and pursue higher education in Hawaii, under certain conditions, including having received a high school diploma or its equivalent in the State within eight years preceding the student's first day of officially scheduled instruction at the University of Hawaii. [HB1488 HD1](#)

HOUSING

Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund; Affordable Housing; Gap Financing. Facilitates greater homeownership opportunities for Hawaii residents by appropriating general funds into the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund. [HB2020 HD1](#)

Housing Choice Voucher Landlord Incentive Program; Public Assistance Recipients; Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program; Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Establishes the Housing Choice Voucher Landlord Incentive Program to provide incentives for landlords to participate in the Tenant-Based Assistance Housing Choice Voucher Program under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and appropriates funds for program incentives. Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to adopt or amend rules that require inspections of leased dwelling units under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program within 15 days after receipt of an owner's or landlord's inspection request. Establishes, and appropriate funds for, Hawaii Public Housing Authority positions for inspections and other aspects related to dwelling unit applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. [HB1752 HD3](#)

Rental Housing Revolving Fund; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Affordable Housing; Grants; Loans. Deposits funds into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to provide loans or grants to mixed-income rental projects or units for persons and families with incomes between 61 and 100 percent of the median family income. Allows the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to utilize unused monies for other authorized rental housing projects. [HB2513 HD2](#)

State Bonds; Private Activity Bonds; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Housing-Related Projects; Counties. Specifies that the entire allocation of the state bond ceiling be allocated to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (Corporation) for housing-related projects. Requires the Corporation, in consultation with the respective counties, to allocate specified percentages of the state bond ceiling for housing-related projects in each county. Authorizes the Corporation to accumulate each county's annual allocation before assigning the allocation for housing related projects, at the discretion of the Corporation's Board of Directors, and assign and reassign the Corporation's allocation to the counties, with the Governor's approval. Removes the authorization for the Department of Budget and Finance to request return of all or any part of the allocations of any of the counties and assign and reassign the allocation to other counties or issuers. Removes the authorization for counties or issuers to request additional allocations of the state bond ceiling. Changes the deadlines for reporting on unused or unassigned allocations and reversion of certain allocations to the State. Sunsets on December 31, 2028. [HB1829 HD2](#)

Supportive Housing Task Force; Department of Human Services. Establishes the Supportive Housing Task Force within the Department of Human Services to improve data collection on supportive housing needs in the State. Requires the task force to submit an interim report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023 and a final report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2024. Appropriates funds for the task force and one full-time equivalent planner or specialist position. [HB1749 HD1](#)

JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

County Highway Enforcement Surcharge; County Highway Enforcement Program. Imposes a County Highway Enforcement Surcharge for illegally stopping, standing, or parking vehicles on county highways to be distributed to county police departments. Requires each county's share of related penalties to be remitted to

the appropriate county police department. Authorizes each county to: (1) Establish a County Highway Enforcement Program to enforce laws prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on county highways and provide for parking management-related improvements; (2) Designate, by ordinance, sections of county highways subject to the County Highway Enforcement Surcharge; and (3) Establish a County Highway Enforcement Program Fund within the County Highway Enforcement Program for the deposit of the County Highway Enforcement Surcharge and related penalties. Requires annual reports to the Legislature and respective county council or city council on the status and progress of the County Highway Enforcement Program. [HB1448 HD2](#)

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund. Appropriates \$600,000,000 to the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. [HB2511 HD2](#)

Driver's License; Expiration and Renewal; Kupuna. Extends the renewal period from two years to four years for licensees who are 72 years of age or older but younger than 80 years of age. [HB1822 HD1](#)

Immigration Proceedings; Legal Counsel and Assistance. Appropriates funds to the Judiciary to contract with nonprofit organizations to provide legal counsel and assistance to low-income immigrants in immigration proceedings, including deportation defense and asylum, and for any other immigration legal issues. [HB1759](#)

‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiatives; Judiciary. Appropriates funds for a program coordinator and various services to support the Judiciary's ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i (Hawaiian language) initiatives. [HB1870 HD2](#)

LABOR & TOURISM

Earned Income Tax Credit; Minimum Wage. Makes the state earned income tax credit refundable and permanent. Provides for carryforward of nonrefundable credits previously claimed. Increases the minimum wage to \$13.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2023, with an increase of \$1.00 per hour on January 1 of each ensuing year up through and including 2028. Increases the tip credit over the same period. [HB2510 HD2](#)

Statewide Data Hub; Employers; Employees. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish and maintain a statewide data hub to collect employer and employee data. Authorizes the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to determine the type of employer and employee data to collect, functions of the statewide data hub, and access and document retention policies for the data. Appropriates funds for the purpose of designing, installing, populating, and managing the statewide data hub. [HB2448 HD1](#)

Tourism Governance; Study. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study that identifies and analyzes alternative tourism governance systems. Requires a draft report for public review no later than October 1, 2024. Requires the draft report to include a proposed summary for use as the basis for a statewide publicity and stakeholder input program. Requires a final report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025. Appropriates funds for the study. [HB1785 HD1](#)

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

No House bills with the Committee on Legislative Management as the lead committee on referral passed Third Reading.

PANDEMIC & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Department of Defense; Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Best Practices. Clarifies current practices, policies, and procedures for the State Emergency Management Program and updates it with the prevailing emergency management best practices. Highlights the intent of the State to address environmental and climate impacts on emergency management. [HB2120 HD1](#)

Emergency Powers; Proclamation; State of Emergency; Legislative Override; Extension; Price Control. Clarifies that the powers granted for emergency purposes shall not be inconsistent with the state constitution. Provides parameters for the duration of suspension of laws and requires justification for the suspension. Authorizes the Governor to require counties to obtain approval prior to issuing any emergency order, rule, or proclamation. Clarifies that a state of emergency may be extended or terminated by a separate or supplementary proclamation. Authorizes the Legislature to terminate a state of emergency, in part or in whole, by an affirmative two-thirds vote. Specifies that prohibitions on price increases of essential commodities during a severe weather warning expire 72 hours after the effective date and time of the initial declaration or any supplemental proclamation. Defines "severe weather warning". [HB1585 HD1](#)

Hawaii Food Banks; Emergency Food Assistance. Appropriates funds to the Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to help Hawaii's food banks meet the significantly heightened need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. [HB1745 HD1](#)

Intrastate Mutual Aid System; Emergencies; Counties. Establishes the Intrastate Mutual Aid System to allow counties to share resources in times of emergency or in preparation for an emergency. [HB1587 HD1](#)

Resilient Hawaii Revolving Loan Fund; Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Projects. Establishes, and appropriates funds for, the Resilient Hawaii Revolving Loan Fund to make low- or no-interest loans to the counties and nonprofit organizations to conduct hazard mitigation and resiliency projects, using funds anticipated to be available under the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act. [HB1588 HD1](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Abandoned Vehicles; Repeat Offenders; Penalties. Makes a person who is the registered owner of a vehicle that was deemed abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system. [HB1414 HD1](#)

Digital Identification Pilot Program; Director of Transportation. Requires the Director of Transportation to establish and implement a Digital Identification Pilot Program for the issuance of digital identification, which includes a driver's license and government-issued identification card issued in a digital format. Requires the Director of Transportation, in collaboration with certain state and county entities, to submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023. [HB1686 HD1](#)

Motor Vehicle Registration; Counties; Registration Fees; U-drive Motor Vehicles; Traffic Congestion. Subjects U-drive motor vehicles to the same motor vehicle registration fees as other motor vehicles. Authorizes the counties to use certain motor vehicle registration fees to mitigate and address the impacts of tourism-related traffic congestion. [HB1688 HD1](#)

Peer-to-Peer Car-sharing; Insurance Requirements; General Excise Tax; Rental Motor Vehicle Surcharge Tax; Department of Taxation. Authorizes and regulates peer-to-peer car-sharing, including establishing insurance requirements. Imposes the general excise tax and rental motor vehicle surcharge tax on peer-to-peer car-sharing programs. Requires those persons engaging or continuing in a peer-to-peer car-sharing program to register with the Department of Taxation. [HB1971 HD2](#)

Public Utilities Commission; Water Carriers; Strategic Plan. Requires each water carrier to file a strategic plan with the Public Utilities Commission every five years. [HB2434 HD1](#)

WATER & LAND

Aquatic Resources; Intentional Violations; Penalties; Fines. Strengthens the penalties for violations of the State's aquatic resources law by establishing a tiered administrative fine system for each specimen of aquatic life taken, killed, or injured; establishing a criminal fine structure on a per-specimen basis for violations involving aquatic life; authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to recommend community service that benefits the resource damaged when a person is ordered to perform community service in lieu of a fine; and authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to recommend certain probationary terms and conditions to the court. [HB1653 HD2](#)

Rapid Ohia Death; Study; Response; Department of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for a survey of and response to Rapid Ohia Death, applied research on management tools, animal removal from fenced areas on Hawaii island, and public outreach on how to prevent the spread of Rapid Ohia Death. [HB1769 HD1](#)

Sea Level Rise; Waikiki Adaptation and Resilience Plan; Pilot Project; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Requires and appropriates funds for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to establish a pilot project to develop an adaptation and resilience plan that addresses the climate change and sea level rise impacts in the Waikiki Special District. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to submit a status report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023 and the final plan before the Regular Session of 2024. [HB1669 HD1](#)

State Parks; Visitor Reservation System; Management. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish positions to implement visitor reservation systems in state parks. Appropriates funds out of the State Parks Special Fund to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the management of state parks. [HB2446 HD2](#)

Trail Access; Nā Ala Hele Program; Positions. Addresses the Nā Ala Hele program's needs regarding the protection and expansion of public trail access statewide by appropriating funds for the establishment of a permanent full-time equivalent Land and Access Specialist position and a permanent full-time equivalent Abstractor position within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. [HB1656 HD1](#)