

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2017  
TIME: 9:40 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective standing committees:

<a href="#"><u>SB 559</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSCR423)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Enacts relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement as Hawaii state law. Makes an appropriation.	AEN/GVO/TRE, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 834, SD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSCR450)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO VIDEOCONFERENCING. Requires both chambers of the legislature to implement rules to permit residents to present testimony through audiovisual technology. Appropriates funds to establish audiovisual systems throughout the State.	ETT/GVO, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 839</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSCR351)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO THE PUNA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL PARK. Appropriates funds for a feasibility study for planning and land acquisition for an agricultural park in the Puna district	AEN/WTL, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 826, SD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSCR505)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO THE PUNA DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER. Appropriates funds for a distance learning center in the Puna district within the University of Hawaii at Hilo.	HRE, WAM



[SB 382, SD1](#)

[\(SSCR472\)](#)

[Status &  
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

CPH, WAM

Makes various updates to the structure and operations of the public utilities commission to increase efficiency and effectiveness, including: establishing guiding principles; establishing docket review and decision-making processes; permitting teleconference and videoconference abilities; specifying senior staff members who must file public financial disclosures; beginning 01/01/18, increasing the number of commissioners to five; updating the composition of the commission; specifying training requirements; clarifying commissioners' ability to appoint and employ staff; clarifying the roles of the executive officer and chief counsel; permitting neighbor island members to receive per diem compensation and compensation for travel expenses; requiring the commission to report to the legislature regarding certain staff duties; and requiring a management audit of the commission. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD1)

**Decision making meeting only, no oral testimony will be accepted.**

**Persons wishing to submit written testimony may do so up to 24 hours prior to the hearing.**

Click [here](#) to submit written testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

**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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Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair

