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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2021
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 221](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.
Amends the requirements for a condominium association's standard proxy form by deleting the option for a condominium owner to give the proxy to the board as a whole. Clarifies that no managing agent, resident manager, or their employees, or the association's employees, shall solicit any proxies from any unit owner of the association.

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[HB 305](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.
Removes the publication requirement and permits the board of directors of a condominium association to proceed directly to the sale, storage, donation, or disposal of personalty that has been abandoned in or on the common elements of a condominium when the identity or address of the owner is unknown.

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<u>HB 307</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES. Authorizes planned community associations and condominium associations to conduct electronic meetings and electronic or machine voting in a state of emergency or local state of emergency, regardless of what a planned community association's documents or a condominium association's bylaws or declarations provide.	CPC
<u>HB 599</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE. Specifies notice requirements for a regular annual or special meeting of a cooperative housing corporation. Allows the annual meetings and election of board members of cooperative housing corporations, planned community associations, and condominium associations to be conducted by videoconferencing in the event of a pandemic or other similar unforeseen circumstance that prevents owners from physically gathering for a meeting.	CPC
<u>HB 554, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR334)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS. Beginning 05/01/2022, requires sellers to disclose whether the real property lies within the sea level rise exposure area designated by the Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation commission or its successor. Effective 5/1/2022. (HD1)	WAL, CPC
<u>HB 96</u> <u>(HSCR443)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS. Increases the maximum area for each agricultural shade cloth structure, cold frame, and greenhouse that could qualify the structure for an exemption from building permit and building code requirements.	AGR, CPC
<u>HB 125, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR491)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT. Establishes The Uniform Employee and Student Online Privacy Protection Act that adopts uniform laws on protecting the online accounts of employees, prospective employees, unpaid interns, applicants, students, and prospective students from employers and educational institutions. Effective 12/25/2040. (HD2)	LAT, HET, CPC
<u>HB 542</u> <u>(HSCR405)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT. Removes cannabidiol drugs that have been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration from the list of Schedule V substances for consistency with federal laws.	JHA, CPC
<u>HB 593, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR441)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ALCOHOL. Expands the definition of "beer" to specify an alcohol by volume of no less than 0.5 percent and to include alcoholic seltzer beverages. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)	ECD, CPC

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[HB 680, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR517\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS.

HHH, JHA, CPC

Allows the use of traditional Hawaiian burial practices in the treatment and disposal of human remains, which includes the use of alkaline hydrolysis and natural organic reduction. Amends procedures for the resolution of disputes regarding the right of disposition, right to rely and act upon written instructions in a funeral service agreement or similar documents, and provisions for the disposition of a decedent's remains and recovery of reasonable expenses to include hydrolysis facilities and natural organic reduction facilities. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD2)

[HB 782, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR605\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LICENSING.

CMV, CPC

Allows a person who: is married to an active duty member in the National Guard, military reserves, or armed forces; accompanies his or her spouse on a permanent change of station to Hawaii; and holds a current, unencumbered license in another jurisdiction in specific professions to apply for licensure on an expedited basis in the State of Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3050. (HD1)

[HB 961](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO MILITARY DEPENDENTS.

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Allows a person who is a spouse of an active duty service member in the military; accompanies the service member a permanent change of station to Hawaii; and holds a current, unencumbered license in another jurisdiction in specific professions to apply for licensure on an expedited basis in the State of Hawaii, and exempts dependents of military servicemembers from state residency requirement for employment with state or county government if the military servicemember is in Hawaii on bona fide military orders.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

For more information, please contact the Committee Clerk at 586-6970.

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson
Chair

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