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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2021  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">SB 1149</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO DIETITIAN LICENSURE SPECIAL FUND. Authorize establishment of a ceiling for the Dietitian Licensure Special Fund through the state budgeting process to meet expanding program needs and diminish dependence on the general fund.	CPN, WAM
<a href="#">SB 1201</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX LICENSES. Requires that any license issued under section 237-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, be renewed biennially; permits the department to charge a fee for biennial renewals; and permits the department to require biennial renewals be applied for electronically.	CPN, WAM
<a href="#">SB 1094</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO SECURITIES. Mandates reporting of suspected financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults in relation to securities. Provides immunity for good faith reporting and authorizes the delay of disbursements and transactions.	CPN, JDC
<a href="#">SB 1105</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE MORTGAGE LOAN RECOVERY FUND. Allows a person aggrieved by the fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit of a mortgage loan originator company licensee to receive restitution payment upon a final court order. Repeals fees paid by mortgage loan originator companies and their branch office locations to the Mortgage Loan Recovery Fund. Provides the Commissioner of Financial Institutions with the authority to consider applications to recover from the fund.	CPN, JDC
<a href="#">SB 1135</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO RENTAL DISCRIMINATION. Creates a new chapter on "source of income" discrimination in rental transactions, adds definitions, and enforcement remedies by direct civil action.	CPN, JDC

**SB 1198**

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RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION.

CPN, JDC

Allows the Department of Taxation to mandate the electronic filing of partnership and S-corporation returns if the taxpayer's gross receipts exceed \$250,000 and individual tax returns if the federal adjusted gross income as shown on the taxpayer's Hawaii return exceeds \$100,000. Requires certain tax return preparers to file returns electronically. Amends the rules for electronic funds transfer to remove the authorization to require electronic funds transfer or electronic filing if the federal government required that person to file or pay electronically and requires electronic funds transfers for tax return preparers and any person subject to mandatory electronic filing. Removes the timeliness requirement from the electronic funds transfer penalty. Removes the authority of the department to charge for certified copies of tax clearances. Amends the statute that mandates tax clearances for liquor license holders. Clarifies the interest rate for payments made to taxpayers out of the litigated claims fund.

**SB 397**

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO PROPERTY CRIMES.

CPN, JDC

Changes the state of mind required for section 486M-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, penalties to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair