

THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2021
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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A G E N D A

SB 1373 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO WAGE GARNISHMENT. Prohibits a creditor from initiating or continuing any action to garnish wages from a debtor during the period of an emergency proclamation and some time thereafter. Prohibits a creditor from garnishing more than ten per cent of a debtor's wages for one year thereafter.	CPN, JDC
SB 1354 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Expands the definition of "cooler beverage" to include certain spirits-based beverages that contain seven percent or less alcohol by volume.	CPN, JDC
SB 1398 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGE DISCRIMINATION. Prohibits businesses that sell age-restricted goods from requiring disclosure of a customer's date of birth if it is clear that the individual has attained the age required to make a purchase.	CPN, JDC
SB 1388 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Extends the period for a notice of summary possession from five days to fifteen. Requires landlords to enter into mediation and delays when a landlord may seek possession of a dwelling unit if the tenant schedules or attempts to schedule mediation. Requires landlords to provide the notice to mediation centers that offer free mediation for residential landlord-tenant disputes. Restricts when a landlord may exercise these remedies depending on the amount of rent due. Repeals on 06/01/2022.	CPN, JDC

SB 552

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO NUISANCE ABATEMENT.

CPN, JDC

Authorizes citizens to bring a nuisance abatement suit under chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to enjoin and abate nuisances related to environmental hazards, including tobacco smoke that drifts into any residential unit a person rents, leases, or owns, from another residential or commercial unit.

SB 925

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO SECONDHAND DEALERS.

CPN, JDC

Clarifies that the secondhand dealers law applies to a secondhand dealer's operation of an automated recycling kiosk.

SB 1386

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

CPN, WAM/JDC

Requires the chairperson of the public utilities commission to appoint an administrative assistant, a research assistant, and legal counsel to assist each member of the public utilities commission with commission duties. Prohibits the chairperson from dismissing or re-assigning appointed staff members without the prior written approval of the affected commissioner.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair