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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2021  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 224

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A G E N D A

**SB 850**

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RELATING TO BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES.

Creates a task force jointly convened by the department of transportation and department of business, economic development, and tourism to provide equitable broadband access for historically marginalized, unserved, and underserved rural communities. Requires the task force to apply for federal moneys for broadband access. Requires the departments' report to include the findings of the task force and an accounting of amounts received from the CARES Act and Emergency Coronavirus Relief Act of 2020 and grants disbursed by the State for broadband infrastructure for rural communities.

EET, WAM

**SB 935**

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO AEROSPACE.

Establishes the Office of Aerospace Development in the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation instead of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Repeals the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems. Transfers the rights, powers, functions, and duties of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems to the Office of Aerospace Development.

EET, JDC

**SB 916**

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RELATING TO TAXATION.

Specifies that the \$1,000,000 of transient accommodations tax revenues currently allocated to operate a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance may also be used to plan, design, and construct these facilities at an unspecified location.

EET, WAM

**SB 938**

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RELATING TO TOURISM.

Specifies that moneys in the tourism emergency special fund are to be used exclusively for emergency measures directly related to safety and security initiatives necessary to respond to any tourism emergency.

EET, WAM

**SB 950**

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

Requires that the 3.5 per cent cap on spending from the tourism special fund to include all governance and employment expenses and organization-wide costs as administrative expenses.

EET, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair