

THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2021
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
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A G E N D A

HB 573, HD1 (HSCR833) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS. Requires the joint legislative budget committee, under certain circumstances, to convene and make recommendations to the legislature regarding federal funds. Provides the legislature with the opportunity to convene in special session in accordance to the state constitution to act on the recommendations, otherwise authorizes the governor to expend federal funds pursuant to the governor's emergency powers. Appropriates federal funds for COVID-19 response. Requires funding of certain programs to be paid for from the county share. (HD1)	GVO, WAM/JDC
SCR 68 / SR 50 Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony	REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON WAYS TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE.	GVO
SCR 146 Status & Testimony	REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY RELATING TO THE STATE'S AUTHORITY TO ALLOW COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH CARE INSURERS IN HAWAII TO RESTRAIN OR BALANCE THE MONOPSONISTIC MARKET POWER OF HEALTH CARE INSURERS OVER INDEPENDENT PHYSICIANS.	GVO, CPN
SCR 166 / SR 131 Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony	URGING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND ATTACHED AGENCIES TO TRAIN THEIR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.	GVO

[SCR 186 / SR 151](#)

DESIGNATING APRIL AS TREE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

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[SCR 200 / SR 165](#)

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE GAPS IN THE TRACKING OF STUDIES, FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR STUDIES, AND SUBMISSION STATUS OF REPORTS.

GVO, WAM

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Sharon Moriwaki
Chair