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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
TIMESLOT: HRE

**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 1220**

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.  
Adds the University of Hawaii to the list of agencies that are authorized to conduct criminal history record checks on current or prospective employees, including student employees and contractors and their employees, whose positions or duties are related to public safety.

HRE/LCA, JDC

**SB 590**

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RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.  
Restricts the eligible membership of the UH optional retirement system to employees of the board of regents. Requires the board of regents to choose at least three companies to provide investment products under the UH optional retirement system. Automatically enrolls UH employees to the state employee's retirement system unless they opt to enroll in the UH optional retirement system within ninety days of employment. Prohibits UH employees from transferring from the UH optional retirement system to the state employees' retirement system. Requires UH to make annual contributions for its employees within the optional retirement system. Allows the retirement benefits of the UH optional retirement system to be subject to collective bargaining negotiations for the bargaining unit for personnel other than UH faculty.

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WAM/JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair

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