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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 4, 2021  
TIME: 1:00pm – 2:30pm  
PLACE: Via Videoconference

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A G E N D A

**SB 1021**

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RELATING TO BURIALS.

Prohibits selling, transferring, conveying, or otherwise disposing of or offering for sale any plots, crypts, or niches having an authorized capacity limit of fewer than ten sets of cremated human remains or burials prepared consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices.

HWN, CPN

**SB 981**

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RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Changes the maximum amount of public funds available to each candidate running for the Office of State Senator, State Representative, County Council, and the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to an unspecified per cent of the expenditure limit established for each election. Amends the amount each Office of Hawaiian Affairs candidate must raise in order to qualify for public funds.

HWN, JDC/WAM

**SB 890**

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RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Requires that, beginning 1/1/2024, of the four seats on the OHA board of trustees without an island residency requirement, two shall require residency in an urban district and two shall require residency in a rural district. Requires one urban district candidate and one rural district candidate to be elected in any election cycle. Limits voting for board of trustees seats with a residency requirement to voters who have residency on the same island or in the same district. Changes the term of the member who receives the lowest number of votes in the 2022 general election to serve a term of two years and a term of four years after the general election of 2024.

HWN, JDC

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| <p><a href="#"><b>SB 717</b></a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>  | <p>RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.<br/> Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records and create a usable digital database no later than 7/1/2022.</p>  | <p>HWN, WAM</p> |
| <p><a href="#"><b>SB 715</b></a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>  | <p>RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST PUEO DEVELOPMENT, LLC.<br/> Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for a master planned development proposed by Pueo Development, LLC, on Hawaiian Home Lands.</p>  | <p>HWN, WAM</p> |
| <p><a href="#"><b>SB 1121</b></a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p> | <p>RELATING TO HOUSING.<br/> Exempts any housing development for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from general excise taxes.</p>  | <p>HWN, WAM</p> |
| <p><a href="#"><b>SB 877</b></a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>  | <p>RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION.<br/> Allows the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to retain independent legal counsel as needed. Authorizes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to use the services of the Attorney General as needed and when the interests of the State and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are aligned. Provides that funds owed to independent legal counsel shall be paid by the State.</p>   | <p>HWN, JDC</p> |
| <p><a href="#"><b>SB 978</b></a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>  | <p>RELATING TO PRINCE JONAH KUHIO KALANIANAOLE.<br/> Requires certain public buildings on Hawaiian home lands to display portraits of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole.</p>   | <p>HWN, WAM</p> |
| <p><a href="#"><b>SB 884</b></a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>  | <p>RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.<br/> Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to require appraisals of improvements to identify the replacement cost or the leasehold market value. Grants authority to DHHL, to authorize second position loans on homestead leases by approved lenders. Requires DHHL to develop and implement a loan servicing manual, subject to commission approval, to standardize loan loss mitigation policies, procedures, and methods. Clarifies that DHHL shall not cancel a lease solely based on a loan default or delinquency unless all loan loss mitigation procedures are exhausted pursuant to the loan services manual.</p>   | <p>HWN, JDC</p> |
| <p><a href="#"><b>SB 891</b></a><br/> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>  | <p>RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.<br/> Requires that a majority of the members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission be beneficiaries and on the waitlist. Requires quarterly reporting to the legislature and beneficiaries on land dispositions made during the quarter. Authorizes the governor to establish an inter-agency council. Requires a full accounting of Act 14, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, expenditures within one year. Allows the Hawaiian Homes Commission to retain separate counsel from the attorney general to provide service to the Commission and beneficiaries. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the implications of creating a position for the director of the department of Hawaiian home lands that is separate from the chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.</p> | <p>HWN, JDC</p> |

[SB 892](#)

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RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.

HWN, JDC

Defines "beneficiary consultation". Prohibits the department of Hawaiian home lands from disposing or extending a general lease to non-beneficiaries, unless there are no applicants seeking to enter into a general lease to the use and occupancy of a tract of Hawaiian home lands. Requires the department to notify beneficiaries through beneficiary consultation prior to the disposition of Hawaiian home lands. Adds language to require Section 204 lessees mandate Homestead Beneficiary Agreements. Prohibits the department from establishing additional criteria to enter into a general lease with an applicant, under certain conditions. Specifies that the department may grant a license or enter into a general lease, under certain conditions. Allocates the interest or other earnings from the Hawaiian home loan fund and Hawaiian home general loan fund into their respective funds, under certain conditions. Requires the department to submit a quarterly report to the legislature and beneficiaries. Authorizes the department to negotiate with homestead association governed water agencies to maintain water systems prior to other service providers, under certain conditions.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair