

THE SENATE  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2021

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 5, 2021  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Via Videoconference

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A G E N D A

<a href="#"><u>JC 9</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the Second Circuit, Judicial Nominee, CHRISTOPHER M. DUNN, for a term to expire in 6 years.	JDC
<a href="#"><u>JC 10</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Family Court of the Second Circuit, Judicial Nominee, JAMES R. ROUSE, for a term to expire in 6 years.	JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 548</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS BY MAIL. Makes amendments to elections laws to clarify the administration of elections by mail. Renames districts as precincts. Extends voter registration deadlines. Requires additional voter service centers on election day. Repeals election days as designated state holidays.	JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 550</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO VOTING. Allows an individual who is seventeen years of age but will be eighteen years of age on or before the next state or local general election to register and vote at the state or local primary election immediately preceding that state or local general election. Takes effect upon ratification of an appropriate constitutional amendment.	JDC

<p><a href="#"><u>SB 551</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE AGE QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING IN STATE OR LOCAL ELECTIONS.</p> <p>Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow individuals who are seventeen years of age but will be eighteen years of age on or before the next state or local general election to vote at the state or local primary election immediately preceding the state or local general election by which the citizen will attain the age of eighteen.</p>	<p>JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 566</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS.</p> <p>Increases the homestead exemption for all persons up to \$2,000,000 and requires that the real property be the principal residence.</p>	<p>JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 612</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CRITICAL ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.</p> <p>Establishes the offense of criminal trespass on critical electrical infrastructure.</p>	<p>JDC</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads  
Chair