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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
TIME: 9:31 a.m.
PLACE: Via Videoconference

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A G E N D A

SB 1050 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS. Adds the Department of the Attorney General to the list of agencies that are authorized to conduct criminal history record checks on current or prospective employees or contractors who have access to federal tax information.	JDC
SB 697 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO KALAUPAPA MONTH. Designates January as "Kalaupapa Month".	JDC
SB 711 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE. Requires all letterheads, documents, symbols, and emblems of the State and other political subdivisions that include Hawaiian words or names to include accurate and appropriate Hawaiian names, spelling, and punctuation. Establishes references for accurate, appropriate, and authentic Hawaiian names and words, including proper Hawaiian spelling and punctuation. Clarifies that the full text of bills and other official documents are not required to be written in Hawaiian and that misspelled or incorrectly punctuated Hawaiian words and names shall not invalidate the documents or render them unenforceable and no cause of action shall arise accordingly.	JDC
SB 726 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO POLICING. Prohibits the issuance of warrants that permit entry by an officer to a house, store, or other building without first audibly declaring the officer's office and business, including no-knock warrants. Requires law enforcement officers serving an arrest warrant at a house or a search warrant at a house, store, or other building to audibly declare the officer's office and business and wait at least thirty seconds for compliance before entry. Requires officers serving a warrant to do so in uniform.	JDC

<u>SB 826</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO SEX OFFENDERS. Prohibits a sex offender from residing within two thousand feet of the sex offender's former victim or the victim's immediate family members. Requires the covered offender to receive approval from the Attorney General prior to a change in address.	JDC
<u>SB 828</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO DIVORCE. Grants exclusive original jurisdiction in matters of divorce to the family court of the circuit in which an applicant is domiciled at the time the application is filed. Repeals the requirement that a person be domiciled or physically present in the State for a continuous period of at least six months before completing a divorce.	JDC
<u>SB 829</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ABUSE OF FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. Adds coercive control between family or household members to the offense of abuse of family or household members as a petty misdemeanor.	JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair