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

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
TIME: 9:45 a.m.  
PLACE: Via Videoconference  
TIMESLOT: JDC

**THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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A G E N D A

The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective subject matter committees:

<a href="#">SB 1134, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR294)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES. Broadens the department of human services employees' right of entry into a vulnerable adult's premises from physical abuse to abuses as defined in section 346-222, Hawaii Revised Statutes. (SD1)	HMS, JDC
<a href="#">SB 134, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR314)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS. Prohibits the governor or the mayor from suspending requests for public records or vital statistics during a declared state of emergency. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HTH, JDC
<a href="#">SB 1388, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR384)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Extends the period for a notice of summary possession from five days to fifteen. Requires landlords to provide notice with specified terms and enter into mediation. Delays when a landlord may seek possession of a dwelling unit if the tenant schedules or attempts to schedule mediation. Requires landlords to provide the notice to mediation centers that offer free mediation for residential landlord-tenant disputes. Restricts when a landlord may exercise these remedies depending on the amount of rent due. Repeals one year after expiration of the governor's final eviction moratorium emergency supplementary proclamation related to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic. (SD1)	CPN, JDC

<p><b><u>SB 193, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR275)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EQUITABLE GENDER REPRESENTATION ON CORPORATE BOARDS.  Requires publicly held domestic corporations to have a gender-diverse board of directors. Establishes reporting requirements for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and penalties. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 280</u></b>  <u>(SSCR60)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO FAIR HOUSING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS.  Codifies the administrative rule definition of "assistance animal". Clarifies the type of verification an individual may provide to substantiate a reasonable accommodation request for a specific assistance animal. Specifies that possession of a vest or other distinguishing animal garment, tag, or registration document commonly purchased online and purporting to identify an animal as a service animal or assistance animal does not constitute valid verification of a disability-related need for an assistance animal.</p>	<p>HMS, JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 376</u></b>  <u>(SSCR335)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO NOISE.  Prohibits use, sale, alteration, or installation of motor vehicle mufflers that emit more than 95 decibels of sound.</p>	<p>TRS, JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 428, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR303)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO FELONIES.  Specifies that interference with an automated public transit operation is unlawful and is a class C felony. (SD1)</p>	<p>TRS, JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 537</u></b>  <u>(SSCR341)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE.  Recognizes American Sign Language as a fully developed, autonomous, natural language with its own grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and cultural heritage.</p>	<p>HMS, JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 538</u></b>  <u>(SSCR389)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION.  Clarifies the meaning of "program or activity receiving state financial assistance". Excludes cases within the scope of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act from the jurisdiction of the Hawaii civil rights commission.</p>	<p>HMS, JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1291, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR179)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.  Includes autocycles equipped with handlebars in the definition of motorcycle in the Hawaii Safety Act. Exempts motorcycles and motor scooters with a roll bar, roll cage, or fully enclosed cabs from the safety helmet requirement. (SD1)</p>	<p>TRS, JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1343, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR194)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.  Removes acreage restrictions on leases of Hawaiian home lands for agricultural purposes. Provides that the availability of the foregoing leases shall be subject to the availability of suitable tracts of land. Specifies that the foregoing leases may be for for-profit or non-profit purposes. (SD1)</p>	<p>HWN, JDC</p>

<p><b><a href="#">SB 153, SD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR176)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.  Establishes penalties for violations of the ignition interlock law. Requires proof of compliance with the ignition interlock law to be eligible to apply for a driver's license. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>TRS, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 191, SD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR113)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.  Provides a process for associations to incorporate power of sale language into governing documents. Clarifies the legislative intent that the explicit grant of power of sale to associations is not required for the purposes of enforcing association liens under the association alternate power of sale foreclosure process. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 211, SD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR16)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.  Requires that the Hawaiian version of a law be held binding if the law in question was originally drafted in Hawaiian and then translated into English. (SD1)</p>	<p>HWN, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 219, SD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR126)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CRIMES ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS.  Imposes extended terms of imprisonment for certain offenses against property rights committed on agricultural lands. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 241</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR161)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.  Authorizes qualifying patients and qualifying out-of-state patients to transport cannabis between islands of the State for personal medical use.</p>	<p>HTH/TRS, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 347, SD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR25)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL.  Prohibits the intentional release of balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 560</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR281)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING.  Establishes ranked choice voting for special federal elections and special elections of vacant county council seats.</p>	<p>PSM, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 565, SD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR117)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO ALCOHOL.  Expands the definition of "beer" to specify an alcohol by volume of no less than 0.5 per cent and to include alcoholic seltzer beverages. Effective January 1, 2022. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 700, SD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(SSCR285)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE.  Requires government entities to seek reimbursement for all or a portion of search and rescue expenses for persons who require rescue after leaving a hiking trail to enter a prohibited area or hiking on a trail closed to the public. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, JDC</p>

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Chair