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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 4, 2021
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 740 Status	RELATING TO VOTING. Makes an application for voter registration, including an affidavit, part of all driver license and state identification card applications. Automatically registers each applicant who elects to be registered to vote, unless the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered to vote. Requires sharing of information among the counties, department of transportation, and election personnel.	JHA, FIN
HB 73 Status	RELATING TO EMERGENCY WORKERS. Amends the definition of "emergency worker" in the Penal Code to include communications dispatchers.	JHA, FIN
HB 652 Status	RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM JURY DUTY. Exempts active members of the Hawaii emergency management agency and county emergency management agencies from jury duty.	JHA, FIN

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HB 340 Status	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO REQUIRE THE JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION TO BE GUIDED BY PRINCIPLES OF MERIT IN THE SELECTION OF JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS AND THE RETENTION OF JUDGES AND JUSTICES.</p> <p>Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to require the judicial selection commission to be guided by principles of merit in the selection of judicial nominations and the retention of judges and justices.</p>	JHA, FIN
HB 631 Status	<p>RELATING TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.</p> <p>Provides judges with greater discretion to adjust the amount owed or financial circumstances by a person who violates certain traffic offenses based on the person's inability to pay. Decreases the imprisonment term to contumacious nonpayment ratio. Increases the amount of credit given to a person committed for contumacious nonpayment.</p>	JHA, FIN
HB 783 Status	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PROBATE CODE.</p> <p>Requires a personal representative of a decedent appointed under the Uniform Probate Code to notify the police department of the appropriate county of any and all firearms in an estate. Requires the police department to certify that all registered firearms in an estate and other firearms of which the police department has been notified are properly transferred or disposed of before the estate may close.</p>	JHA, FIN
HB 347 Status	<p>RELATING TO JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT.</p> <p>Clarifies and expands procedural requirements for judicial review of an agency's denial of access to a government record. Provides procedural requirements and standards of review upon appeal.</p>	JHA, FIN
HB 784 Status	<p>RELATING TO TRESPASS.</p> <p>Clarifies that when trespass involves public land, all law enforcement officers shall enforce trespass laws, without regard to whether the land is owned by the State or by a county.</p>	JHA
HB 629 Status	<p>RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.</p> <p>Establishes an enforcement division in the department of the attorney general. Transfers to the department of the attorney general enforcement division the law enforcement activities of the department of land and natural resources, division of conservation and resources enforcement; the department of public safety state law enforcement officers and the narcotics enforcement division; and the department of transportation harbors division. Specifies the persons authorized to serve civil legal process. Mandates the attorney general to maintain a list of independent civil process servers. Shields the State and the department of the attorney general from liability arising from the acts of independent civil process servers. Effective 7/1/2022.</p>	JHA, FIN

[HB 336](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO COURTS OF APPEAL.
Prohibits courts of appeal from affirming, modifying, reversing, or vacating a matter on grounds other than those raised by the parties to the proceeding, unless the parties are provided the opportunity to brief the court and present oral argument on the matter.

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[HB 776](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE
REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST PUEO DEVELOPMENT, LLC.
Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for a master planned development proposed by Pueo Development, LLC, on Hawaiian Home Lands.

JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

Committees meeting in the morning must adjourn prior to the day's Floor Session. Therefore, due to time constraints, not all testifiers may be able to testify. However, all written submissions will be considered by the committee.

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Rep. Mark M. Nakashima
Chair

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