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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, March 2, 2021
TIME: 9:30AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
TIMESLOT: WAM

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A G E N D A

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

SB 7 (SSCR218) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Authorizes the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation the right of first refusal for the development of property for all development on state lands, excluding Hawaii Public Housing Authority and Department of Hawaiian Home Land lands, that are within a one-half mile radius of a rail transit station provided there is a transfer of any property interest, including a leasehold interest, of state lands that are within a one-half mile radius of a rail transit station.	HOU/WTL, WAM
SB 12 (SSCR204) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HOUSING OBJECTIVES. Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to accomplish certain housing objectives.	HOU, WAM
SB 135, SD1 (SSCR353) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION. Requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to conduct a study to determine appropriate state office buildings that can provide equitable telecommunication access to allow residents and residents with disabilities to remotely participate in legislative hearings for the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui and rural areas of the City and County of Honolulu. (SD1)	GVO, WAM

<p>SB 136 (SSCR123) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AGENCY. Requires the department of education school facilities agency to adopt and publish administrative rules necessary to implement Act 72, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, by July 1, 2021. Requires the office of the governor to provide a report to the legislature regarding the process by which the department of education purchases land and executes capital improvement project contracts through the school facilities agency.</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 137, SD1 (SSCR138) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO LAND USE. Authorizes county land use decision—making authorities to amend district boundaries involving certain land areas greater than fifteen acres, but not more than twenty-five acres, if the land areas are proposed for reclassification to the urban district, contiguous to an urban district, and at least sixty per cent of the land areas will be dedicated for the development of affordable housing. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 192 (SSCR388) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. Allows the Department of Human Services to administer and provide public assistance to eligible residents of the State during a governor-declared state of emergency.</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 302, SD1 (SSCR529) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. Increases the amount of the tax credit for individuals and households and the adjusted gross income eligibility cap for the income tax credit for low-income household renters using tax brackets for individuals and different categories of households and providing for increases every three years based on the consumer price index. (SD1)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 304, SD1 (SSCR240) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CARBON OFFSETS. Establishes procedures for the department of transportation to assist and enable a person to voluntarily purchase a verified carbon offset for carbon dioxide emissions resulting from their air travel to or from an airport in the State. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>TRS/AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 335, SD1 (SSCR350) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the department of agriculture and agribusiness development corporation to annually lease at least fifty per cent of land leased or up for lease renewal to operations whose primary business is, or supports, local food production beginning 1/1/2022. Requires the department of agriculture and agribusiness development corporation to submit reports to the legislature on leasing activities. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN/EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 337, SD1 (SSCR63) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE. Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program to provide up to seventy-five per cent cost reimbursement to farming operations in the State for acquiring cover crop seeds or green manure. Requires the convening of a review panel to screen and rate applicants on the quality of their cover crop and green manure practices. Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program manager position within the department of agriculture to administer the program. Requires a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 338, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR64)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO A FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM. Requires the department of agriculture to establish a five-year food hub pilot program to increase access to local food. Provides for the award of grant funding to qualified applicants wishing to establish or expand a food hub. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Honalo marshalling yard. Requires reports to the legislature. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 341, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR9)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TARO. Establishes an exemption from state income tax for the first \$100,000 of a person's income from the business of taro cultivation or production is excluded from their gross income for Hawaii income tax purposes, provided that the department of agriculture makes its thirty thousand acre threshold determination. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 350, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR461)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Requires the Department of Health to fill the vacant division chief staff position within the Environmental Management Division by 10/1/2021, and consider environmental justice issues when making certain assessments and determinations. Requires the Clean Water Branch to perform water quality testing during brown water advisories, inform the public of health risks associated with water runoff during brown water advisories, and establish an Environmental Management Division Oversight Advisory Board. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a comprehensive review of the Environmental Management Division. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 375, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR83)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Requires the department of transportation to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of repairing or renovating the Kalaeloa airport air traffic control tower. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>TRS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 496, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR11)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a task force to identify the top ten fruits or vegetables that are imported into the State but may be commercially grown in the State. Creates an income tax credit to incentivize the production of those fruits or vegetables to obviate the need to import them into the State. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 694</u> <u>(SSCR558)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS. Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and indicators.</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 702, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR79)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION FUNDING. Requires the committee on weights to submit a report to the legislature detailing any changes to the funding formula within thirty days of the final report. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 717</u> (SSCR95) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. 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><u>SB 732, SD1</u> (SSCR497) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE NON-VIOLENT RESPONSE TEAM PILOT PROGRAM. Directs the legislative reference bureau to conduct a study examining the efficacy of the Hawaii CARES program offered by the department of health's behavioral health administration adult mental health division. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 757</u> (SSCR441) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST LE JARDIN ACADEMY, INC. Authorizes the issuance of up to \$25,000,000 in special purpose revenue bonds to assist Le Jardin Academy.</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 809, SD1</u> (SSCR38) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds for public school positions and the Hawaii teacher standards board. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 867</u> (SSCR215) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Extends the low-income housing tax credit program for 6 years to 12/31/2027.</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 920, SD1</u> (SSCR508) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO STATE LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES. Establishes clean ground transportation goals for state agencies to achieve a one hundred per cent light-duty motor vehicles zero-emission fleet by December 31, 2030. (SD1)</p>	<p>TRS/EET, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 987, SD1</u> (SSCR393) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Convenes a Sustainable Aviation Fuel Task Force within the Hawaii natural energy institute to develop a state action plan to reduce the greenhouse gas intensity of international air transportation from Hawaii. (SD1)</p>	<p>TRS/EET, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1027, SD1</u> (SSCR466) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEMP. Allows the industrial hemp special fund to be utilized for the department of agriculture's responsibilities regarding hemp. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1033, SD1</u> (SSCR344) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY. Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Stadium Authority for payroll, various repair and maintenance costs, contracts for services, and operating equipment. Effective upon approval. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 1097, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR381)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO NONDEPOSITORY TRUSTS. Establishes provisions concerning nondepository trust companies. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1101, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR201)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS. Establishes the Safe Home Program to provide matching and nonmatching grants for installation of wind resistive devices to single-family, owner-occupied, residential property owners upon certain circumstances. Creates one temporary position within the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to implement and administer the Safe Home Program. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN/PSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1107, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR37)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. Establishes the hazard mitigation special fund for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1112, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR247)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. Amends the minimum appointment eligibility requirement for the Adjutant General to be an officer that holds or has held a commission of the rank of Colonel in the military grade of O6 or above in the Army or Air National Guard, state defense force, or the Army or Air Force active component of the United States or a reserve component thereof, and has no administrative actions that would prevent promotion to the rank of a general officer in the military grade of O7 or O8. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1116, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR132)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES. Provides emergency appropriations in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the Department of Defense to continue funding for various COVID-19 response related programs and activities. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1117, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR152)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES. Provides an emergency appropriation in an unspecified amount to the Office of the Governor in fiscal year 2020-2021 to continue funding for various COVID-19 response related programs and activities. Effective 7/1/2020. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1127</u> <u>(SSCR390)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. Makes an emergency appropriation from the general revenues of the State of Hawaii for fiscal year 2020-2021 to address the budget shortfall for the general support for the general assistance program (HMS 204) in the Department of Human Services. Effective upon approval.</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>

<p>SB 1137, SD1 (SSCR259) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE SPOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL FUND. Amends the spouse and child abuse special fund to allow up to \$5,000,000 of federal reimbursements received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, in the year following the fiscal year in which Family First Prevention Services funds and the Title IV-E funds were expended to be deposited and retained. (SD1)</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1138, SD1 (SSCR279) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE ASSURANCE SPECIAL FUND. Increase the annual expenditure ceiling of the Office of Healthcare Assurance Special Fund to meet expanding program needs and diminish dependence on the general fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1142, SD1 (SSCR309) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SERVICES FOR KUPUNA. Adds kupuna caregiver-directed services to kupuna caregivers program. Includes financial management service provider and additional duties for the coach. Allows for qualified caregivers to work less than 30 hours a week during a declared state of emergency. Effective 5/1/2029. (SD1)</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1187, SD1 (SSCR248) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Department of Public Safety to cover the costs of the personnel services shortfall at all correctional institutions statewide and health care services and fund intake service center positions. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1194 (SSCR246) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES. Provides emergency appropriations in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the Department of Public Safety to continue funding for various COVID-19 response related programs and activities.</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1196, SD1 (SSCR54) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WITHHOLDING TAX. Amends the due date for employers to file the wage and tax statement from the last day of February to January 31 following the close of the calendar year. Imposes a penalty on employers that fail to timely furnish and file the wage and tax statement. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1242, SD1 (SSCR278) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. Establishes a trauma-informed care task force within the department of health to make recommendations of trauma-informed care in the State. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1250, SD1 (SSCR234) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EMERGENCY FOOD MANAGEMENT. Creates the Hawaii emergency food assistance program special fund to be administered by the department of agriculture and appropriates moneys into the fund to feed Hawaii's needy population when a state of emergency has been declared. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 1251, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR457)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM. Authorizes the Department of Education to meet the local farm to school meal goal of fifteen per cent of food served in public schools to be locally sourced by 2025 and thirty per cent by 2030. Requires the Department to report to the Legislature. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU/AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1271, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR77)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Establishes an early childhood educator stipend program to be administered by the executive office on early learning to address the shortage of qualified early childhood educators in Hawaii. Requires stipend fund repayments for the early childhood educator stipend program to be deposited into the early learning special fund. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1286</u> <u>(SSCR133)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR HAWAII COUNTY. Appropriates funds to the office of the prosecuting attorney for Hawaii county for the career criminal prosecution unit.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1337</u> <u>(SSCR519)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING DENSITY. Authorizes counties to establish a block-level upzoning program to allow homeowners within a block located in an urban district to vote to increase the housing density for their respective block.</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1344, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR467)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY. Requires the department of agriculture, in coordination with the office of planning, to prepare and periodically update the state agricultural functional plan for seafood sustainability that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

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