

THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2022
TIME: 3:00pm
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

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A G E N D A

SB 2002 Status & Testimony	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.	HMS, JDC
SB 2194 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS. Specifies that anxiety and emotional disorders are disabilities for which service animals may be trained to assist. Permits animals that provide emotional support to qualify as service animals.	HMS, JDC
SB 2437 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a neighbor islands blind and visually impaired service pilot program that provides training and other services to blind or visually impaired individuals residing on the neighbor islands. Requires the Department of Human Services to report to Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025. Appropriates funds. Repeals 06/30/2025.	HMS, WAM

Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report focused on the health disparities experienced by individuals with disabilities in Hawaii before Regular Session of 2023.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair