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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2022
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 309
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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

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A G E N D A

[HB 1415](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THREAT ASSESSMENT.
Establishes a program within the Hawaii State Fusion Center to train, establish, and operate threat assessment teams, including for educational institutions. Appropriates moneys.

PDP, HET, FIN

[HB 1571](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS.
Makes it a civil violation for a person to: (1) misrepresent to a business, church, nonprofit organization, or governmental entity the person's COVID-19 vaccination status, including the person's medical condition or religious beliefs as the basis for a COVID-19 vaccine exemption; (2) falsify or alter a COVID-19 vaccination card, or purchase a falsified or altered COVID-19 vaccination card, for personal use; (3) use a falsified or altered COVID-19 vaccination card; or (4) sell, distribute, or manufacture, regardless of whether the person is compensated, a falsified or altered COVID-19 vaccination card for use by others. Establishes fines.

PDP, JHA, FIN



[HB 1585](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
Clarifies that the powers granted for emergency purposes shall not be inconsistent with the state constitution. Provides parameters for the duration of suspension of laws and requires justification for the suspension. Authorizes the governor to require counties to obtain approval prior to issuing any emergency order, rule, or proclamation. Clarifies that a state of emergency may be extended or terminated by a separate or supplementary proclamation. Authorizes the legislature to terminate a state of emergency, in part or in whole, by an affirmative two-thirds vote. Specifies that prohibitions on price increases of essential commodities during a severe weather warning expire seventy-two hours after the effective date and time of the initial declaration or any supplemental proclamation.

PDP, JHA

[HB 1586](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DISASTER RESPONSE.
Repeals language authorizing the department of education to retain federal reimbursements for disaster relief and delaying the lapsing of those funds to the general fund. Shortens the time for reporting to the legislature the purpose of major disaster fund money allotments or expenditures. Requires federal disaster relief reimbursement moneys to be deposited into a trust account of the Hawaii emergency management agency and reimbursed to the originating fund of the expending agency, with funds to be returned to the general fund upon lapse of the original appropriation. Requires annual reports to the legislature on federal reimbursement moneys, and disaster response spending by each state agency.

PDP, EDN, FIN

[HB 1587](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AN INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM.
Establishes the intrastate mutual aid system to allow counties to share resources in times of emergency or in preparation for emergencies.

PDP, FIN

[HB 1588](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HAZARD MITIGATION.
Establishes the resilient Hawaii revolving loan fund under the Hawaii emergency management agency to make low- or no-interest loans to local governments and nonprofit organizations to conduct hazard mitigation and resiliency projects, using funds anticipated to be available under the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds.

PDP, FIN

[HB 1736](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.
Temporarily allows licensed teachers who have retired to be employed as teachers during a state of emergency and within twelve months of their retirement.

PDP, EDN, FIN

[HB 1834](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.
Requires the DOE to establish and administer the strong students grant pilot program to provide grants for eligible education expenses to eligible students. Requires the DOE to submit progress reports to the legislature prior to the 2023 and 2024 regular sessions. Appropriates funds received by the State from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, for the pilot program.

PDP, EDN, FIN



DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

