

THE SENATE
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2022

[COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS](#)
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Friday, February 18, 2022
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

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

This policy is subject to change and may be adjusted based on evolving COVID-19 guidelines.
Please check the Legislature's website for updates www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

A live stream of all Senate Standing Committee meetings will be available on the [Senate YouTube Channel](#).

Click [here](#) for more information about Live and On-Demand Video options.

A G E N D A

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

SB 915, SD1 (SSCR339) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES. Authorizes the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Duke Kahanamoku. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)	TRS, WAM
SB 1048, SD1 (SSCR2091) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HAWAII CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER FEES. Provides authority for the Hawaii criminal justice data center to set and collect fees for services provided. (SD1)	JDC, WAM
SB 2024, SD1 (SSCR2044) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING. Requires diagnostic audiologic evaluation results of newborn hearing screening evaluations, or infants whose hearing status changes, to be provided to the Department of Health.	HTH, WAM
SB 2087, SD1 (SSCR2090) Status & Testimony	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu as a grant-in-aid for the victim witness assistance program. (SD1)	JDC, WAM
SB 2088, SD1 (SSCR2089) Status & Testimony	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CAREER CRIMINAL PROSECUTION UNIT. Appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu as a grant-in-aid for the career criminal prosecution unit. (SD1)	JDC, WAM

<p><u>SB 2122, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2045)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO INCREASING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS' PRO RATA SHARE OF THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST. Establishes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' pro rata share of the moneys derived from the public land trust. Transfers moneys to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for income and proceeds due from the use of the public land trust lands between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2022, that was misallocated, underreported, or underpaid to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. (SD1)</p>	<p>HWN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2178</u> <u>(SSCR2107)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE AGE QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING IN STATE OR LOCAL ELECTIONS. Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow individuals who are seventeen years of age but will be eighteen years of age on or before the next state or local general election to vote at the state or local primary election immediately preceding the state or local general election by which the citizen will attain the age of eighteen, and at any co-occurring or intervening special election.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2347, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2145)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. Requires the language and meaning of any proposed constitutional amendment and ratification question to be simple, concise, and direct to the extent practicable. Allows the presiding officers of the Legislature to request a written opinion of the Supreme Court regarding the legality of a proposed amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution and the corresponding constitutional ratification question. Requires the supreme court to provide a written opinion within one week of receipt of the request. Requires, for any written opinion by the supreme court that invalidates a constitutional ratification question, a detailed and specific explanation of the reasons for this opinion. Prohibits any appeal of a written opinion. Takes effect 7/30/2075. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2371, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2151)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Establish a Statewide Homelessness Information System Working Group to assess the feasibility of establishing a statewide information system that collects and tracks real-time data related to homelessness in the State, including availability of services, shelters, and low-cost housing in various regions of the State, that could be utilized by various government agencies to provide efficient and effective assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness or at-risk individuals. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HMS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2376, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2132)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TOBACCO TAXES. Repeals and eliminates the deferred payment purchase option for cigarette tax stamps. Requires licensees to pay for stamps at the time of purchase using cash, certified check, or bank transfer. Effective 1/1/2023. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2377</u> <u>(SSCR2108)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO STATE TAX EXAMINATIONS. Establishes a penalty for failure to respond to an inquiry or request during a state tax examination.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

<p>SB 2385, SD1 (SSCR2175) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Allows agencies to seek alternative procurement approval for the procurement of professional services when fewer than three qualified persons submit bids or proposals. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2567 (SSCR2135) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records by creating an interactive digital database software program to be completed and available for use no later than July 1, 2023.</p>	<p>HWN/GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2616, SD1 (SSCR2114) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE. Requires government entities to seek reimbursement for 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, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2644, SD1 (SSCR2134) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS. Makes permanent Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, which provides a limited exemption to the licensing requirements for certain individuals in situations when an electric utility must retain qualified individuals to work with high voltage (six hundred volts or higher) who are not licensed in the State but are otherwise deemed qualified by the electric utility, provided that the public utility certifies to the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations and to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers that, after a hiring call, no electrician sufficiently qualified and licensed in the State to perform high voltage electrical work applied to timely perform or complete the necessary job or task before the public utility recruited outside the State. Also makes permanent the requirement for the Board of Electricians and Plumbers to submit to the Legislature annual reports regarding high voltage electrical contractors. Effective 7/1/2030. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2740 (SSCR2147) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM. Allows the judiciary to compensate guardians ad litem for involuntary hospitalization and assisted community treatment petitions at a rate higher than existing statutory guidelines. Makes an appropriation.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2783 (SSCR2187) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (2) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2784 (SSCR2188) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (3) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>

<p>SB 2785 (SSCR2189) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (4) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2787 (SSCR2191) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (6) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2789 (SSCR2193) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (8) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2790 (SSCR2194) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (9) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2794 (SSCR2198) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (13) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2795 (SSCR2199) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (14) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2796 (SSCR2200) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Appropriates and authorizes funds for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Unit (15) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2021-2023.</p>	<p>LCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2805, SD1 (SSCR2020) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS LOANS. Creates the Hawaii Start-Up Business Loan Program to be administered by the Business Development and Support Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, in coordination with the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation. Establishes the Hawaii Start-up Business Loan Program Revolving Fund. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 3101, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2118)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTION. Exempts any homestead development for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from general excise taxes. (SD1)</p>	<p>HWN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3125, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2131)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS. Makes an emergency appropriation to fund coronavirus disease 2019 vaccination activities. (SD1)</p>	<p>HTH, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3179, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2094)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a feral herd management program under the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to manage axis deer populations in Maui County. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3195, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2116)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the investigation, exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands. (SD1)</p>	<p>HWN/EET, WAM</p>

Decision making meeting only, no oral testimony will be accepted.

Persons wishing to submit written testimony may do so up to 24 hours prior to the hearing. Click [here](#) to submit written testimony.

All testimony received by the Hawai'i Senate is posted on the Hawai'i Legislature's website, which is accessible to the public. Please do not include private information that you do not want disclosed to the public.

The cable TV broadcast and/or live stream of this meeting will include closed captioning. If you require other auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., interpretive services (oral or written) or ASL interpreter), please contact the committee clerk at least 24 hours prior to the hearing so that arrangements can be made.

FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT (808) 586-6800.

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair