

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Rep. Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rep. Terez Amato | Rep. Nicole E. Lowen |
| Rep. Della Au Belatti | Rep. Richard H.K. Onishi |
| Rep. Mark J. Hashem | Rep. Adrian K. Tam |
| Rep. Natalia Hussey-Burdick | Rep. Elijah Pierick |
| Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates | |

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Click [here](#) to submit testimony and to testify remotely or in person.

A live stream link of all House Standing Committee meetings will be available online shortly before the scheduled start time.

Click [here](#) for the live stream of this meeting via YouTube.

A G E N D A

[SB 696, SD1, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1245\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.
Authorizes wages of other employees in comparable employment to be considered when computing the average weekly wages of an injured public board member, reserve police officer, police chaplain, reserve public safety law enforcement officer, sheriffs' chaplain, volunteer firefighter, volunteer boating enforcement officer, or volunteer conservation and resources enforcement officer. Clarifies computation of average weekly wages of an injured volunteer firefighter for workers' compensation benefits purposes. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

LGO, CPC, FIN



[SB 839, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1261\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Establishes the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Surcharge Special Fund. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish reliability standards and interconnection requirements for all users, owners, or operators of the Hawaii electric system and determine the responsibility of costs associated with any reliability standards or interconnection requirements. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish the distinction between interconnection facilities and utility network upgrades; ensure that the cost of interconnection facilities is the responsibility of the interconnection customer; ensure that the cost of utility network upgrades is the sole responsibility of the transmission provider; and open an investigation into the cost of past project delays and determine, as deemed appropriate, whether and how the electric utility should be penalized and whether ratepayers should be compensated for high electric bills that could have been avoided if projects were timely. Establishes a timeline and requirements for interconnection procedures to be established by the Public Utilities Commission for certain utility-scale renewable energy projects. Requires implementation of the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator Law upon establishment of the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator Surcharge. Beginning 1/1/2024, requires the surcharge to be imposed on certain customers to cover the costs of the Administrator to be deposited into the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Surcharge Special Fund Subaccount. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to submit a report and assessment of the Hawaii Electric Reliability Administrator to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN

[SB 1534, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1227\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Creates a mileage-based road usage charge to replace state motor fuel taxes beginning on July 1, 2025, for electric vehicles. Eliminates \$50 annual state vehicle registration surcharge for electric vehicles. Allows electric vehicles a choice of paying a registration surcharge or a per-mile road usage charge until June 30, 2028. Requires motor vehicle registration application to specify whether the type of fuel for which the vehicle is adapted is electricity. Requires certificates of inspection to state the odometer reading of vehicles. Requires the department of transportation to plan for the deployment of a state mileage-based road user charge program by 2033 and submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026. Defines electric vehicle. Defines alternative fuel vehicle. Makes an appropriation. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

TRN, CPC, FIN

[SB 63, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1305\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO NURSES.

Authorizes the board of nursing to issue temporary permits for six-month periods to out-of-state licensed practical nurses and registered nurses or who hold a multistate license issued by another state, territory, or country, under certain circumstances. Provides an exception from licensing requirements to nurses who are licensed in another state, territory, or country and accompanying a patient from out-of-state for less than two weeks and who are not employed or affiliated with a health care entity in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

HLT, CPC, FIN



| | | |
|--|---|----------------------|
| SB 239, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1254) Status | <p>RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING ACCREDITATION.</p> <p>Requires the department of human services to establish a child care accreditation program to assist licensed and registered child care providers obtain accreditation. Authorizes the use of the child care grant program special fund for child care accreditation program grants. Amends the time period for when existing preschool open doors service providers are required to obtain accreditation. Appropriates funds for the child care accreditation program, including one full-time position for the program. Appropriates funds into and out of the child care grant special fund. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p> | <p>HUS, CPC, FIN</p> |
| SB 113, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1281) Status | <p>RELATING TO THE LABELING OF PRODUCTS.</p> <p>Clarifies that calculations to determine whether a non-perishable good labeled "Hawaii Made" has met the requirement that at least 51% of the wholesale value of the product is added by production within the State include operating and overhead expenses incurred and spent within the State. Appropriates funds to promote and develop the "Made in Hawaii" brand. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p> | <p>ECD, CPC, FIN</p> |
| SB 745, SD1, HD1 (HSCR1270) Status | <p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Extends the offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee. Imposes \$10,000 fine for each separate offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee. Makes an appropriation for 1.0 FTE enforcement position. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p> | <p>AGR, CPC, FIN</p> |
| SB 717, SD1 (SSCR813) Status | <p>RELATING TO ALCOHOL.</p> <p>Expands the definition of "beer" under the liquor regulatory laws to mean any alcoholic beverage containing no less than 0.5 per cent alcohol by volume obtained by fermentation of any infusion or decoction of malt or any substitute, including alcohol seltzer beverages and excluding sake, cooler beverages, and other distilled products. Authorizes brewpubs to sell beer they manufacture, or beer manufactured on their premises, subject to certain conditions. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p> | <p>CPC</p> |
| SB 687, SD1 (HSCR1279) Status | <p>RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR.</p> <p>Increases the amount of malt beverages, wine, and alcohol that a small craft producer pub licensee may produce during the license year. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p> | <p>JHA, CPC, FIN</p> |
| SB 1447, SD1 (HSCR1280) Status | <p>RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS.</p> <p>Repeals existing law that provides that all local ordinances or regulations that regulate the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices are preempted and that existing local laws and regulations conflicting with state law that governs smoking are null and void. Clarifies that counties retain the authority to adopt ordinances that regulate the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, provided that the ordinances are more stringent than the provisions in state law that govern smoking. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p> | <p>JHA, CPC, FIN</p> |



| | | |
|---|---|----------------------|
| SB 458, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1327) Status | RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES. Establishes the geothermal energy resources development special fund. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Requires that, for royalties from geothermal resources, twenty per cent be paid to the county where the geothermal mining operations are situated, under certain conditions; fifty per cent be paid to the Department of Land and Natural Resources; twenty per cent be paid to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and ten per cent be deposited into the geothermal energy resources development special fund. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1) | EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN |
| SB 1131, SD1 (SSCR845) Status | RELATING TO TIME SHARE PLANS. Amends the definitions of "time share interest" and "time share plan" to include any fractional ownership plan for a joint homeownership limited liability company, or any other entity. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1) | CPC, FIN |
| SB 463, SD2 (SSCR914) Status | RELATING TO PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. Requires each county to adopt, no later than June 30, 2024, ordinances applicable to subdivisions not approved by July 1, 2024, requiring as a condition of approval, the subdivider or developer to obtain a street address and install a mailbox for lots, parcels, structures, or units of a structure within the subdivision before the sale or lease thereof. Requires condominium maps recorded in the Bureau of Conveyances or registered in the Land Court after June 30, 2024, to include a mailbox plan for the condominium property regime, showing the location of all mailboxes for all units in the regime. Defines approval, mail, mailbox, street address, subdivider, and subdivision. Requires, prior to the sale of residential real property, the disclosure as to the existence of a United States Postal Service deliverable mailbox for the property. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2) | CPC, FIN |
| SB 1206, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1298) Status | RELATING TO DEPOSITS OF PUBLIC FUNDS. Requires the Director of Finance to consider, prior to the selection of a depository for the state treasury, the beneficial effects to the State of using depositories within the State, including but not limited to lending at favorable terms for the creation of certain affordable housing units. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1) | HSG, CPC, FIN |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. 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 provided an opportunity to offer verbal comments. However, written submissions will be considered by the committee.



Please refrain from profanity or uncivil behavior. Violations may result in ejection from the hearing without the ability to rejoin.

For remote testifiers, the House will not be responsible for bad connections on the testifier's end.

For general help navigating the committee hearing process, please contact the Public Access Room at (808) 587-0478 or par@capitol.hawaii.gov.

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) or are unable to submit testimony via the website due to a disability, please contact the committee clerk at least 24 hours prior to the hearing so that arrangements can be made.

Click [here](#) for a complete list of House Guidelines for remote testimony.

FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

For more information, please contact the Committee Clerk at (808) 586-6680

Rep. Mark M. Nakashima
Chair

