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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 200

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF
ELECTIONS.

Increases the amount of partial public financing available for all offices. Amends section 11-425, HRS, by increasing the maximum amount of public funds available for all offices by 50%. Increases the maximum amount of public funds available for a candidate for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from \$1,500 to 10% of the expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d), HRS, for each election. Amends section 11-429(a), HRS, by increasing the amounts of qualifying contributions for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from more than \$1,500 in the aggregate to more than \$5,000 in the aggregate. Provides a downward adjustment of the amounts of qualifying contributions for the Office of Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, and County of Kauai and for the Office of County Council for the County of Maui. Appropriates unspecified sums for each of the 2 fiscal years of the next biennium to pay for the increase in the partial public financing program. Appropriates \$200,000 for each of the 2 fiscal years of the next biennium for the Commission to hire 2 additional staff members.

HWN, JDC/WAM

<u>SB 731</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY. Designates November 28 of each year as La Kuokoa, Hawaiian Independence Day, to celebrate the historical recognition of the independence of the Kingdom of Hawaii.	HWN
<u>SB 732</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS. Designates the second Monday in October of each year as Indigenous Peoples' Day. Establishes Indigenous Peoples' Day as a state holiday.	HWN, WAM
<u>SB 733</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE. Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to establish and maintain Hawaiian cultural centers within the State. Requires the Office to submit reports to the Legislature regarding the Office's compliance with this Act. Appropriates moneys for the planning and design of the first Hawaiian cultural center.	HWN, WAM
<u>SB 740</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	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 7/1/2024. Appropriates moneys.	HWN, WAM
<u>SB 741</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. Excludes from any waiting list maintained by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands any lessee or successor who sells or transfers their lease on a tract of Hawaiian home lands.	HWN, JDC
<u>SB 1014</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL. Allows the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to retain independent legal counsel. Authorizes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to use the services of the Attorney General as needed. Provides that funds owed to independent legal counsel shall be paid by the State.	HWN, JDC/WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Chair