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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2023
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 705 Status	RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE ALLOWANCE. Requires each house of the legislature to post a report of the legislative allowance expenditures for each member of the respective house on the legislature's website.	JHA
HB 706 Status	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES. Requires all members of the legislature to disclose certain relationships with lobbyists or lobbying organizations in their financial disclosures.	JHA
HB 707 Status	RELATING TO FALSE CLAIMS. Makes it a class C felony to make false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims against the State or a county, or any of their departments or agencies. Disqualifies a person from holding elective public office for a period of ten years upon conviction of making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim.	JHA



HB 708 Status	RELATING TO LOBBYISTS. Amends the information in the statement of expenditures reports that lobbyists and other individuals are required to file with the Hawaii state ethics commission to include the identity, by bill number, resolution number, or other similar identifier, of the legislative or administrative action that was commented on, supported by, or opposed by the person filing the statement.	JHA
HB 709 Status	RELATING TO MANDATORY LOBBYIST TRAINING. Requires a lobbyist training course to be designed and administered by the state ethics commission. Makes the lobbyist training course mandatory for all lobbyists who are required to register and renew their registration with the state ethics commission. Imposes administrative fines for violations. Effective 7/1/2024.	JHA
HB 710 Status	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT. Establishes the class C felony offense of using or making false statements or entries in matters within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the State, or any county. Disqualifies a person from holding elective public office for a period of ten years upon conviction of making a false statement or entry.	JHA
HB 711 Status	RELATING TO FRAUD. Establishes the offense of fraud as a class B felony. Disqualifies a person from holding elective public office for a period of ten years upon conviction of fraud.	JHA
HB 712 Status	RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS. Encourages boards to maintain any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting as a public record on the board's website regardless of whether the written minutes of the meeting have been posted. Amends the information that must be included as part of the written minutes of board meetings. Requires boards to provide the state archives with a copy of any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting before removing the recording from the board's website. Effective 10/1/2023.	JHA
HB 715 Status	RELATING TO GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS. Prohibits lobbyists from making prohibited gifts to legislators and state employees. Imposes administrative fines for violations.	JHA
HB 717 Status	RELATING TO NEPOTISM. Beginning 7/1/2023, prohibits under certain circumstances legislators and state employees from hiring or promoting relatives and household members and from making or participating in certain other employment-related decisions and from awarding a contract to or otherwise taking official action on a contract with a business if the legislator's or employee's relative or household member is an executive officer of or holds a substantial ownership interest in that business. Imposes administrative fines for violations.	JHA



<u>HB 718</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE. Requires the campaign spending commission to serve preliminary determinations of probable cause via first-class mail, instead of certified mail. Establishes a presumption of receipt when the preliminary determination is mailed to the address contained in a candidate or committee organizational report.	JHA
<u>HB 721</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CANDIDATE COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES. Eliminates the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee.	JHA
<u>HB 722</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CANDIDATE COMMITTEE AND NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEE FUNDRAISERS. Amends the definition of "fundraiser" under the election law relating to the notice of intent for fundraisers and fundraising events.	JHA
<u>HB 723</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW. Expands application of the State's sunshine law to legislatively appointed bodies, including task forces, working groups, special committees, and select committees. Requires the senate and the house of representatives to hold public hearings on a biennial basis to solicit professional and public feedback on how chamber rules can better effectuate the intent of the State's sunshine law.	JHA
<u>HB 724</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. Amends the prohibition against contributions to a candidate committee or noncandidate committee by state and county contractors to include state and county grantees and the owners, officers, and immediate family members of a state or county contractor or state or county grantee.	JHA
<u>HB 726</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. Prohibits state and county elected officials from soliciting and accepting campaign contributions during any regular session or special session of the state legislature, including any extension of any regular session or special session and any legislative recess days, holidays, and weekends.	JHA

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.

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair

