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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2023
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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TIMESLOT: WAM

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A G E N D A

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

SB 55, SD1 (SSCR190) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, increases the adjusted gross income eligibility cap and the amount of the income tax credit for low-income household renters using tax brackets for individuals and different categories of households. Requires the Director of Taxation to annually recompute the adjusted gross income bracket thresholds and the amount of the income tax credit for low-income household renters by using the percentage change in the Urban Hawaii Consumer Price Index for all items, as published by the United States Department of Labor, from July of the previous calendar year to July of the current calendar year. (SD1)	HOU, WAM
SB 291, SD1 (SSCR195) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED REPORTS. Requires the Governor to ensure that the Governor's program memoranda and variance reports accurately reflect the current responsibilities of certain state programs, address the current and future needs of the State, and align with budget-related submittals. Effective 7/1/2112. (SD1)	GVO, WAM

<p>SB 292, SD1 (SSCR196) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED REPORTS. Requires the Governor to ensure that the Governor's variance reports accurately reflect the current responsibilities of certain state programs, address the current and future needs of the State, and align with budget-related submittals. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 293, SD1 (SSCR197) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED REPORTS. Requires the Governor to ensure that the Governor's program memoranda accurately reflect the current responsibilities of certain state programs, address the current and future needs of the State, and align with budget-related submittals. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 298 (SSCR325) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. Authorizes the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to acquire any real, personal, or mixed property for its immediate or future use; own, hold, improve, rehabilitate, sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, or dispose of any real, personal, or mixed property acquired; and acquire by condemnation real property for its immediate or future use. Amends the definition of "public lands" to exclude lands to which the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency holds title.</p>	<p>PSM/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 340, SD1 (SSCR193) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, and repair of housing units without regard to civil service law. (SD1)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 362, SD1 (SSCR184) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX. Increases the rate of conveyance tax for condominiums and single family residences for which the purchaser is ineligible for a county homeowner's exemption with a value of at least \$2,000,000. Exempts from the conveyance tax documents and instruments conveying real property subject to a government assistance program approved and certified by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation and used exclusively for the provision of affordable housing for qualified persons who are residents of the State, who are owner- or renter-occupants, and own no other real property. Removes maximum dollar amount of conveyance tax revenues that are to be paid into the rental housing revolving fund each fiscal year. Effective 1/1/2024. (SD1)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 391, SD1 (SSCR187) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKFORCE TRAINING. Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Community Colleges' workforce development programs. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>

<p>SB 404, SD1 (SSCR61) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM. Modifies the Hospital Sustainability Program, including: expanding the definition of "private hospitals" subject to the program; increasing the fee cap on various hospital sustainability fees; requiring the Department of Human Services to consult and negotiate with the hospital trade association located in Hawaii regarding fee participation and rates; requiring the hospital sustainability fee to discontinue under certain circumstances and provides guidelines for the distribution of remaining funds. Makes the Hospital Sustainability Program permanent. Makes exemptions of the Hospital Sustainability Program Special Fund from the central service expenses assessment and administrative expenses assessment permanent. Appropriates funds out of the Hospital Sustainability Program Special Fund. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 419 (SSCR84) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CARBON SEQUESTRATION. Appropriates funds for the Hawaii carbon smart land management assistance pilot program.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 420, SD1 (SSCR86) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. Establishes the sustainable food systems working group within the Department of Agriculture. Requires the working group to submit a plan, any recommendations for implementing the plan, and any proposed legislation to the legislature. Appropriates funds to establish the working group and develop the plan and for an unspecified number of sustainability specialist positions to be employed by the Department of Agriculture. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 428 (SSCR88) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Requires each county to develop a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan and financial strategy. Requires each county to submit its respective plan and financial strategy to the Legislature.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 430, SD1 (SSCR89) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM. Establishes the Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program and Hawaii Food Assistance Program Special Fund to alleviate food shortages in the State. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 520, SD1 (SSCR100) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes the Farmer Succession Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Community College System. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the pilot program and Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 660, SD1 (SSCR104) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a Healthy Soils Program. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

<p>SB 699, SD1 (SSCR202) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL TOURS. Requires the Lieutenant Governor to administer and facilitate a Hawaii State Capitol Tours Program. Establishes one full-time equivalent position in the Legislative Reference Bureau's Public Access Room. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 801, SD1 (SSCR345) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO QUALIFIED INTERNSHIPS TAX CREDIT. Establishes a qualified internship income tax credit for employers of qualified interns for taxable years beginning after 12/31/2023. Requires qualified internships to fulfill requirements of the Department of Education and University of Hawaii work-based learning programs. Provides an application and certification process for claims of credits to be administered by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Requires reports to the Legislature from the Department of Taxation and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p>SB 817 (SSCR213) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES. Amends the definition of "eligible business activity" to include the processing of value-added agricultural products grown within an enterprise zone and the development or production of renewable energy.</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 826 (SSCR55) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY. Transfers \$200,000,000 of general funds previously appropriated to the School Facilities Authority of the Department of Education to the school facilities special fund.</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 830, SD1 (SSCR118) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE. Requires each Department of Education school to establish a critical medical emergency response team. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 894, SD1 (SSCR205) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE. Transfers the Office of Wellness and Resilience from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Human Services on 7/1/2025. Extends the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force dissolution date to 6/30/2025 and establishes the task force as an advisory board to the Office of Wellness and Resilience until its dissolution. Reconstitutes the membership of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force into a permanent advisory board to the Office of Wellness and Resilience to be called the Wellness and Resilience Advisory Board. Effective 7/1/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO/HHS, WAM</p>

<p>SB 951, SD1 (SSCR280) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. Adds a cap for the amount of tax credits for research activities that an eligible taxpayer and the taxpayer's related entities may receive per taxable year. Consolidates the survey and certification requirements for tax credits for research activities. Amends the annual aggregate cap on tax credits for research activities that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism may certify. Requires certification of the tax credits for research activities on a first-come, first-served basis to be based on the date that a complete application is received, subject to certain conditions. Extends the sunset date for tax credits for research activities from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2029. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1277, SD1 (SSCR336) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. Makes appropriations and approves payments for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1414, SD1 (SSCR283) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Exempts the University of Hawaii and the University's Board of Regents from the Hawaii Public Procurement Code for certain contracts involving research and training. Repeals the requirement that the Board of Regents develop internal policies and procedures for the procurement of construction. Requires the Board of Regents to develop internal policies and procedures exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely for the procurement of goods and services for research and training and moneys expended from the Research and Training Revolving Fund in support thereof. Authorizes the University of Hawaii President to delegate procurement authority for research and training to the University's Vice President for Research and Innovation. Requires the Board of Regents to submit reports to the Legislature. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1417, SD1 (SSCR301) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority to consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate resilience development in the design and siting of buildings in the Kaka'ako and Kalaeloa community development districts. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1506, SD1 (SSCR276) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Establishes a Safe Routes for People Implementation Program and Safe Routes for People Implementation Committee to develop strategies and facilitate transportation-related projects that ensure the safety of keiki and kupuna using ground transportation facilities. Authorizes the Safe Routes for People Implementation Committee to develop the application process under the Safe Routes to School Program. Renames the Safe Routes to Schools Program Special Fund to the Safe Routes for People Special Fund and amends its purpose. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 1510</u> <u>(SSCR212)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ASTRONOMY ENGINEERING AND INSTRUMENTATION. Establishes a center for design, development, and fabrication of astronomical instruments within the University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds for the center's planning and design and ten full-time equivalent faculty positions within the center.</p>	<p>HRE/EET, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1520, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR218)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII PACIFIC HYDROGEN HUB. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub and other related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry. Appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET/HRE, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1521, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR267)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LAND USE. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to create an integrated land use study for the use the agricultural district. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office, Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, and Hawaii Tourism Authority to update various state functional plans. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL/AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1543, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR260)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING FOR CANDIDATES TO ELECTED OFFICE. Establishes a comprehensive system of public financing for all candidates seeking election to state and county public offices in the State of Hawaii, to begin with the 2024 general election year. Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to submit a progress and final report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Takes effect 03/22/2075. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

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