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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 26, 2024
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #3

HB 2237, HD1 (HSCR415-24) Status	RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS. Repeals the hazard mitigation special fund, pursuant to a recommendation made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-16. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, FIN
HB 2460, HD1 (HSCR405-24) Status	RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY. Establishes and specifies protections for critical infrastructure information that is received or maintained by the Office of Homeland Security for use regarding the security of critical infrastructure and protected systems. Defines and protects critical infrastructure information that is crucial for direct support of the security and resilience of the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, FIN



<u>HB 2107, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR414-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATED TO DISASTER SERVICES. Appropriates funds to establish the position of Limited English Proficiency Language Access Coordinator within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1902, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR377-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Clarifies that the Governor's and mayors' emergency management powers shall be consistent with the state constitution. Clarifies the scope of the comprehensive emergency management plan. Clarifies the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency. Shortens the duration of price control periods from ninety-six hours to seventy-two hours. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2515, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR412-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Clarifies the types of events that constitute disasters and emergencies for the purposes of emergency management. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 2016, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR404-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCIES. Appropriates funds for the installation of a new outdoor emergency siren in the Pacific Palisades area of Oahu. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1581, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR317-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WILDFIRE PREVENTION. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources to develop a native plant nurseries and seed bank initiative program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1949, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR324-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII. Requires the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a 2-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State of Hawaii to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL/HET, FIN
<u>HB 1835, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR318-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT. Establishes the distribution management advisory board to develop and advise on the statewide distribution management plan. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1839, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR429-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Appropriates funds for long-term monitoring of air quality for communities impacted by the Maui wildfires, as well as support for research efforts to better understand the environmental concerns linked to urban fires. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL/EEP, FIN
<u>HB 1840, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR408-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL/EEP, FIN



HB 1841, HD1 (HSCR319-24) Status	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Appropriates funds to DLNR for operating expenses, equipment, the establishment of positions, and capital improvement projects to support wildfire emergency response. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, FIN
HB 1843, HD1 (HSCR549-24) Status	RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION. Establishes the office of the state fire marshal to direct fire protection efforts statewide. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL/LGO, FIN
HB 1844, HD1 (HSCR492-24) Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds for temporary adjunct faculty positions at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL/HET, FIN
HB 2610, HD1 (HSCR425-24) Status	RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF. Establishes a disaster relief match special fund to support the local match requirements of the FEMA Maui Wildfires Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for projects that implement mitigation measures to prevent and minimize the impacts of natural hazards affecting the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL/JHA, FIN
HB 2696, HD1 (HSCR496-24) Status	RELATING TO LAHAINA WILDFIRE RECOVERY. Establishes the Lahaina Recovery Oversight Commission within the Department of Accounting and General Services to oversee and guide the recovery of Lahaina from the 2023 wildfires. Requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to assist in establishing a website for the Commission. Requires annual reports. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL/JHA, FIN
HB 2700, HD2 (HSCR554-24) Status	RELATING TO WILDFIRES. Establishes the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund and Corporation to provide compensation for property damage resulting from catastrophic wildfires in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	WAL/CPC, JHA, FIN
HB 2407, HD2 (HSCR620-24) Status	RELATING TO WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION. Creates a process for electric utilities to develop and submit wildfire protection plans to the Public Utilities Commission for approval and allow the recovery of related costs and expenses through securitization, while avoiding a disproportionate impact on a specific ratepayer or county. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	WAL/EEP, CPC/JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

