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[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY](#)

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2024  
TIME: 9:00 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">SB 2374</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY. Appropriates funds for the Judiciary Supplemental budget for the 2023-2025 biennium. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#">SB 2395</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO A PROBATION COMPLIANCE CREDITS PROGRAM. Requires the Judiciary to establish a compliance credits pilot program for probationers that comply with their conditions of supervision.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#">SB 2514</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ATTORNEYS. Requires petitions or motions for a pro hac vice appearance for a court proceeding or arbitration proceeding to be supported by evidence of local counsel's Hawaii business registration, the applicant's Hawaii general excise tax license number, an affirmation that both the applicant and local counsel will pay all state income tax due for Hawaii business activities, and all other information or documentation required by the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#">SB 2523</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO CHILD CARE. Requires the Judiciary to establish a three-year pilot program to provide free child care services to minor children of parties and witnesses who are attending court hearings in the first circuit. Requires the Judiciary to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	JDC, WAM

<a href="#"><u>SB 2556</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT. Permanently establishes and appropriates moneys for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit. Declares that the appropriations exceed the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2927</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO MAKE THE SENATE CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS MORE UNIFORM. Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to make the Senate confirmation process for judicial appointments the same, whether the appointment is made by the Governor or the Chief Justice.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2685</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO ABUSIVE LITIGATION. Establishes judicial procedures to prevent and remedy abusive litigation.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2823</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES. Establishes a blue ribbon committee within the Department of the Attorney General to analyze the Hawaii Administrative Rules and identify any rules that are not supported by statutory authority.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2627</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO ARRANGEMENT OF CANDIDATE NAMES ON BALLOTS. Requires that any new contract entered into by the Office of Elections for equipment or services relating to preparing ballots or counting votes include the capability to randomize the names of candidates appearing on the ballot if technologically possible. Requires candidate names to be randomized on ballots to the greatest extent possible. Requires the Office of Elections to inform voters and candidates, by a method suited for the voting system, that the names of candidates may not be in alphabetical order.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2333</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO ELECTION AUDITS. Allows the Chief Election Officer to use accurate copies of paper ballots, rather than the originals, when conducting a precinct audit of an electronic voting system's tally.	JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 2334</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO ELECTION AUDITS. Clarifies that the chief election officer must audit all elections in the randomly selected precincts as a condition of using an electronic voting system to create an electronic tally of ballots.	JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair