

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 16, 2024
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 2219

[Proposed SD1](#)

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RELATING TO LOBBYING.

Amends the definition of "lobbying" to include communications regarding procurement decisions with certain high-level government officials. Includes among lobbyists certain persons who submit testimony 10 or more times in any calendar year. Establishes certain presumptions regarding testimony when given by a paid person. Makes certain contracts voidable when entered into in violation of lobbying law. Takes effect 1/1/2027. (Proposed SD1)

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Copies of the proposed SD 1 are available from the Senate Document Center and on the Legislature's website:
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SB 2487

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RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

Repeals criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana.

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SB 2557

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RELATING TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

Repeals paragraph (3) of section 802-1(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which entitles the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to legal representation by a public defender.

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SB 2601

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RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS.

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Expands the time period by which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse may be initiated. Authorizes a court to require personnel of legal entities to undergo training on trauma-informed response.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Please note the following:

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair