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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2024  
TIME: 9:46 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
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 578, SD2](#)

[\(SSCR2438\)](#)

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RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and without loss or interruption of benefits provided by the ERS or under chapter 88, HRS, if the retirant is employed as an investigator in a position identified by the Department of the Attorney General as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Director of Human Resources of the appropriate state jurisdiction or the human resources management chief executive of each county to include in their annual reports to the Legislature, details on the employment of retirants as investigators pursuant to this measure. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD2)

LBT, WAM/JDC

**SB 2475, SD1**

(SSCR2236)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Establishes a Harm to Students Registry for all prekindergarten through grade twelve institutions operating in the State to be administered by the Department of Education. Establishes certain exceptions for information shared on the Harm to Students Registry. Requires schools to complete any investigation into employees who have pending allegations of harming students, regardless of employment status. Requires schools to consult with the Harm to Students Registry before authorizing prospective employees or volunteers to interact with students. Requires schools to share information on ongoing or concluded investigations of infliction of harm to a student when requested by another institution. Establishes an appeal process for individuals who request removal from the Harm to Students Registry. Requires the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to revoke the licenses of certain individuals who have resigned or retired in lieu of termination. Requires individuals who retire or resign before the completion of an investigation involving infliction of harm to student to surrender their Hawaii teaching license. Requires the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to report surrendered licenses to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification. Establishes qualified immunity for employers who provide good faith information or opinion on a current or former employee's job performance. (SD1)

EDU/LBT,  
WAM/JDC

**SB 2512, SD1**

(SSCR2289)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS.

Establishes a reporting requirement for the transfer of public moneys by the Governor, pursuant to the Governor's emergency powers. (SD1)

PSM, WAM/JDC

**SB 2640, SD1**

(SSCR2132)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.

Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide cash awards to beneficiaries on the waitlist in lieu of a lease. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to remove those beneficiaries from the waitlist. Specifies that beneficiaries that accept a cash reward shall lose their right to return to the waitlist, but they remain entitled to other rights provided by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Takes effect on either the date of the Secretary of the Interior's notification that congressional approval of this Act is unnecessary, or on the date of consent by the United States congress. (SD1)

HWN, WAM/JDC

**SB 2645, SD1**

(SSCR2155)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

Establishes a compliance and enforcement program within the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to investigate complaints, conduct investigations, and cooperate with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with laws. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

HWN/PSM,  
WAM/JDC

<p><a href="#"><b>SB 3009, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2175)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. Specifies the responsibilities of the Department of Law Enforcement's Sheriff Division regarding judicial and legislative security. Requires the Sheriff Division to pursue, obtain, and maintain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Takes effect 1/1/2042. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM/JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 3139, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2170)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES. Establishes a Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program within the Department of Health to expand existing services to divert those with mental health issues to appropriate health care services. Defines "mental health emergency worker". Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation for the crisis intervention and diversion program. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM/JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 3141, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2465)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Requires the Department of Health to track and publicly report certain data relating to crisis reports, emergency mental health transports, and court-ordered treatments. Requires the Department of Health to respond to reports about persons having severe mental illness who are in need of assistance, assess whether those persons may fulfill the criteria for assisted community treatment, and coordinate the process for an assisted community treatment order if indicated. Establishes that a court's denial of a petition for involuntary commitment shall serve as notification to the Department of Health that the person should be evaluated for assisted community treatment. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health for software and data collection and publication. Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health for statewide education and training on policies related to emergency examination and hospitalization and assisted community treatment. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM/JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 3328, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2241)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Clarifies the Department of Education's authority to oversee public education facilities and real estate development. Establishes the Office of Facilities and Real Estate Development and the Office of School Operations and Services. Repeals the School Facilities Authority. Reorganizes the Department of Education's organizational structure for facilities and real estate development. Establishes positions. Makes conforming amendments. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Repeals the Office of Facilities and Real Estate Development and Office of School Operations and Services 7/1/2031. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM/JDC</p>

<p><a href="#"><b>SB 3332, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2388)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION.  Establishes an alternative process for the termination of the rental agreement that involves mediation. Requires the Governor to notify the Chief Justice, Legislature, and Revisor of Statutes when the final wildfire proclamation will expire. Establishes an Emergency Rent Relief Program. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes appropriations. Takes effect 7/1/2040. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM/JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 2029, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2140)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO INCLUSIONARY ZONING.  Prohibits any law, ordinance, or rule from imposing an inclusionary zoning requirement on housing offered exclusively for sale or rent in perpetuity to buyers or renters who are residents of the State, are owner-occupants or renters, and do not own any other real property. (SD1)</p>	<p>HOU, JDC/WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 2351, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2421)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.  Requires the Workforce Development Council and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with federal law and regulations. Requires the Governor to select the chairperson of the council from among the seventeen private sector members. Requires the Workforce Development Council to assist the Governor in coordinating local workforce development boards to improve the workforce development system. Repeals the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, JDC/WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 2682, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2451)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO LEAD POISONING.  Beginning 1/1/2025, requires physicians to perform or order test for lead poisoning in minor patients at certain intervals, and if the physician performs the test, the results to be included in the minor patient's record of immunization. Requires the Department of Health to adopt recommendations. Provides certain exemptions for the mandatory lead poisoning testing of minors. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS/CPN,  JDC/WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 2991, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR2420)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CREATION.  Requires the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to adopt rules establishing criteria for the creation of new bargaining units. Requires any employee, employer, or exclusive representative proposing a new bargaining unit to submit an application to the Board. Requires the Board to consider certain criteria in determining the appropriateness of a new bargaining unit. Requires the Board to, upon its approval of the application, submit a report to the Legislature, including proposed legislation for the Legislature to consider and enact to create the new bargaining unit, accompanied by a Decision and Order issued by the Board. Sets forth procedures the Board must follow when it denies an application. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, JDC/WAM</p>

**SB 3171**

(SSCR2505)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES.

Mandates the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices and deletes the requirement to post notices in a central location in a public building.

GVO, JDC/WAM

**SB 3362, SD1**

(SSCR2430)

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

Authorizes the temporary assignment of permanent legislative staff during the interim to executive or judicial branch agencies. Establishes that while on temporary assignment, the temporarily assigned employee is still considered an employee of the Legislature and exempt from civil service. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

LBT, JDC/WAM

**Decision making meeting only, no oral testimony will be accepted.**

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**FOR AMENDED NOTICES:** Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

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