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REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

[COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS](#)
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
TIME: 10:05 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: WAM

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

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

[SB 2045, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2113\)](#)
[Status &
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RELATING TO HOUSING.
Amends the priority for which moneys in the Rental Housing Revolving Fund are to be used. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to: (1) prioritize the allocation of low-income housing tax credits to certain projects and (2) adopt administrative rules regarding the awarding of: (A) points when evaluating and ranking low-income housing tax credit applications and (B) Rental Housing Revolving Fund moneys to certain housing projects. (SD1)

HOU, WAM
**[Measure added
on 02-09-24]**

[SB 2094, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2200\)](#)
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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.
Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish a one-year pilot program to allow inmates incarcerated at the women's community correctional center to foster pets while incarcerated. Requires DCR to submit a report to the Legislature. Declares that the general expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds. Takes effect 1/1/2042. (SD1)

PSM, WAM
**[Measure added
on 02-09-24]**

[SB 2240, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2125\)](#)
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.
Requires the Office of Elections to file an application with Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. (ERIC), by 6/30/2025, for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization. Requires the Office of Elections to share with each county the information and services made available by ERIC pursuant to the State's membership agreement with the organization. Requires the Office of Elections and each county office that administers elections to use information and services made available by ERIC to verify their respective voter registration rolls. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

JDC, WAM
[Measure added on 02-09-24]

[SB 2337, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2135\)](#)
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.
Expands the counties' authorization to exercise the same powers as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for purposes of developing, constructing, financing, refinancing, or providing mixed-use developments. Applies to bond proceeds expended by a county after 12/31/23. (SD1)

HOU, WAM
[Measure added on 02-09-24]

[SB 2381, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2198\)](#)
[Status & Testimony](#)

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 2028 general election year. Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to submit a progress and final report to the Legislature. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

JDC, WAM

[SB 2385](#)
[\(SSCR2149\)](#)
[Status & Testimony](#)

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PLACE PROCEDURAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE TIMING OF JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS.
Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to place procedural restrictions on the timing of judicial appointments and confirmations. Establishes a window between September 1 and November 30 during which the judicial selection commission may not present a list of nominees to the Governor or Chief Justice. Provides that if multiple judicial vacancies occur between regular sessions of the Legislature, the Senate shall be called into no more than 2 special sessions to consent to a judicial appointment.

JDC, WAM
[Measure added on 02-09-24]

[SB 2469](#)
[\(SSCR2121\)](#)
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND.
Adds credit enhancement for construction loans to the list of permitted uses of moneys in the Rental Housing Revolving Fund. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to adopt rules.

HOU, WAM
[Measure added on 02-09-24]

[SB 2498, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2136\)](#)
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO FINANCING.
Establishes the Cesspool Conversion Revolving Loan Fund. Directs green energy market securitization loan repayments and interest to be deposited into the Cesspool Conversion Revolving Loan Fund. Requires the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority to administer the Cesspool Conversion Revolving Loan Fund. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. (SD1)

AEN/EET, WAM
[Measure added on 02-09-24]

[SB 2927](#)
[\(SSCR2171\)](#)
[Status &
Testimony](#)

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
[Measure added on 02-09-24]

[SB 3091, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2182\)](#)
[Status &
Testimony](#)

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FOOD SERVICES.
Makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for its food service operations. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)

EDU, WAM
[Measure added on 02-09-24]

[SB 3092, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2180\)](#)
[Status &
Testimony](#)

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.
Makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for charter school operations. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)

EDU, WAM
[Measure added on 02-09-24]

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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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair