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[COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS](#)
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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AMENDED NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Friday, March 1, 2024
TIME: 9:55 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
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The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective subject matter committees:

[SB 2044, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2213\)](#)
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RELATING TO THE CONTROLLING INTEREST TRANSFER TAX.
Establishes that the transfer of a controlling interest in an entity that owns real property in the State shall be subject to the conveyance tax established in chapter 247, HRS. Requires an unspecified amount of the conveyance tax collected to be deposited into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund. Requires the Department of Taxation to adopt rules. (SD1)

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[SB 2079](#)
[\(SSCR2629\)](#)
[Status &](#)
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RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS.
Allows the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form to be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically.

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[SB 2081, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2146\)](#)
[Status &](#)
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RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
Establishes the Aerospace and Aeronautics Development Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)

EET, WAM

<p>SB 2107 (SSCR2123) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SPECIAL COUNSEL. Allows the Attorney General to appoint a special counsel to assume the Attorney General's powers and responsibilities over an investigation of a person or matter when the investigation or prosecution of, or any other legal or administrative action against the person or matter by the Department of the Attorney General, may present a conflict of interest.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2170, SD1 (SSCR2672) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO COMBAT SPORTS. Establishes a new regulatory framework for combat sports contests in Hawaii by renaming the existing Boxing Commission of Hawaii as the Combat Sports Commission of Hawaii, expanding the Commission's jurisdiction to include all combat sports, and repealing existing law governing mixed martial arts contests in Hawaii. Takes effect 7/1/2040. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN/EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2182 (SSCR2617) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO OCEAN STEWARDSHIP. Makes permanent the Ocean Stewardship Special Fund.</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2305, SD1 (SSCR2304) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS. Establishes a Silver Alert Program within the Department of Law Enforcement to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 1/1/2042. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM/HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2337, SD1 (SSCR2135) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2497, SD1 (SSCR2168) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Amends the tax credit for research activities by: (1) increasing the total amount of certified credits to an unspecified amount; (2) extending the sunset date of the credit to 12/31/29; and (3) amending the definition of qualified high technology businesses that are eligible to claim the credit. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2527, SD1 (SSCR2437) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, temporarily reinstates the Technology Infrastructure Renovation Tax Credit and expands the definition of "technology-enabled infrastructure" to include data servers. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2553, SD1 (SSCR2266) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT. Clarifies the definition of "covered employer" under the Hawaii Retirement Savings Act. Requires covered employers to automatically enroll covered employees into the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program unless the employee chooses to opt out. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>

<p>SB 2659, SD1 (SSCR2577) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO REGENERATIVE TOURISM. Incorporates a regenerative framework into the Hawaii State Planning Act by expanding objectives and policies for the visitor industry. Requires an update to the State Tourism Functional Plan to be submitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2726, SD1 (SSCR2386) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on how certain other states approach the following subjects as they relate to condominiums: ombudsman programs, licensing for management, alternative dispute resolution, governmental regulation, owner education, and owner access to documents. Makes an appropriation. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2728, SD1 (SSCR2397) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES. Reestablishes the Appraisal Management Company Registration Program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to conform with the minimum standards of the Appraisal Management Companies Final Rule and federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Reestablishes registration requirements, standards, and penalties for violations. Makes appropriations from the Compliance Resolution Fund. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2764, SD1 (SSCR2554) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM. Transfers the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Requires the Governor to select the Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>TCA/EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2768, SD1 (SSCR2158) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to adopt rules governing a clean fuel standard for gasoline and diesel in the State. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET/AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2770 (SSCR2564) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Allows the counties to establish, by ordinance, an opt-in program that allows an annual payment in lieu of real property taxes on the land or improvements thereon that are actively used to produce or store renewable energy that is sold to an electric utility.</p>	<p>GVO/EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2814 (SSCR2570) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. Directs the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the counties, to conduct a water infrastructure study for the State of Hawaii. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

<p>SB 2817, SD1 (SSCR2207) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES. Makes an appropriation to the University of Hawaii to establish five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) faculty positions at the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3002 (SSCR2602) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ACT 214, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2013. Makes an appropriation to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3021, SD1 (SSCR2690) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Renames the Electric Bicycle and Electric Moped Rebate Program to the Electric Mobility Rebate Program. Expands eligibility and the potential rebate amount. (SD1)</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3060, SD1 (SSCR2615) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO A CLIMATE ADAPTION AND RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop and publish a statewide climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL/EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3068 (SSCR2634) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY. Appropriates funds to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of Hawaii and Maui.</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3094, SD1 (SSCR2622) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS. Establishes a working group to create a statewide framework for peer support specialists. Appropriates funds for hiring an administrative facilitator to provide necessary support for the peer support specialist working group in carrying out its duties and compensation for peer support specialists on the working group for time spent on working group meetings and related work and travel expenses. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3099, SD1 (SSCR2359) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Reduces from ten years to five years, the minimum number of years of credited service qualified Tier 2 Employees' Retirement System members must have to be eligible for vested benefit status for service retirement allowance purposes from ten years to five years. Appropriates funds for investments of the ERS. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>

<p>SB 3109 (SSCR2153) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Gives practical effect to the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, be available for expenditure until June 30, 2025.</p>	<p>HWN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3126, SD1 (SSCR2221) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EMERGENCY AEROMEDICAL SERVICES. Establishes an Emergency Aeromedical Services Partnership Program to be administered by the Department of Health in counties with a population less than 500,000. Requires cost-sharing for program operations and maintenance and revenue sharing between the State and the County of Hawaii, County of Kauai, and County of Maui. Authorizes deposits into the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund. Requires rulemaking. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS/PSM, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3157, SD1 (SSCR2253) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO DIRECT NEGOTIATION FOR PUBLIC LAND LEASES. Authorizes disposition of public land leases for agricultural, commercial, industrial, hotel, and resort purposes through direct negotiation. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3265, SD1 (SSCR2281) Status & Testimony</p>	<p><u>RELATING TO FILM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT.</u> <u>Establishes the Hawaii Film Advisory Council. Amends the motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit to increase the annual cap to \$60,000,000; extend the sunset date of the tax credit to January 1, 2039; clarify and amend the requirement for an independent third-party certification; and expand the definition of "qualified production" to include streaming platforms. Provides a tax exemption for certified development of film studio facilities. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) film industry development liaison within the Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</u></p>	<p>EET, WAM <u>Measure added on <02-28-24></u></p>
<p>SB 3360, SD1 (SSCR2282) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUEL. Updates the Renewable Fuels Production Tax Credit to incentivize locally grown, produced, generated, or collected renewable fuel. Extends the credit period from ten consecutive years to an unspecified length of time. Increases the total amount of tax credits allowed to an unspecified amount in any calendar year. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3361 (SSCR2546) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUEL. Includes oilseed cover crops into the Cover Crop Reimbursement Pilot Program established by Act 312, SLH 2022.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

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Chair