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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2024
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
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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:

[HB 1761, HD1, SD1](#)

[\(SSCR3165\)](#)

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~~RELATING TO HOUSING.~~

~~Authorizes HHFDC to issue bonds for housing project infrastructure and finance the development of regional state infrastructure projects. Exempts bonds issued by HHFDC for improvements by assessments, and the interest thereon, from state, county, and municipal taxation, with certain exceptions. Includes proceeds from bonds issued for regional state infrastructure projects as a source of revenue for regional state infrastructure subaccounts. Authorizes regional state infrastructure subaccount revenues to be used to repay regional state infrastructure project bond holders. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)~~

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~~**[Measure deleted
on 04-03-24]**~~

[HB 1763, HD1, SD1](#)

[\(SSCR3166\)](#)

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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 prioritize the allocation of the rental housing revolving fund moneys to certain housing projects. (SD1)

HOU, WAM

<p>HB 1832, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3155) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HIRING. Authorizes a state department, division, or agency, rather than the Department of Human Resources Development, to conduct a minimum qualification review of applicants for vacant positions within the department, division, or agency. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to provide state departments, divisions, and agencies the applications received for vacancies under certain circumstances. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT/GVO, WAM</p>
<p>HB 1861, HD2, SD1 (SSCR3223) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES. Requires license plates issued on or after 1/1/2025 to include ?okina in the word "Hawai'i". Authorizes the use of all uppercase letters, all lowercase letters, or initial capital letters for the words "Hawai'i" and "Aloha State" in motor vehicle license plates. Limits special number plates for environmental conservation to apply to electric vehicles. Specifying that the design for special number plates for environmental conservation does not require the words "Aloha State". (SD1)</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p>HB 1886, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3098) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION. Authorizes moneys in the reduced ignition propensity cigarette program special fund to be used to defray the cost of statewide fire prevention, education, life safety, and preparedness programs, and hiring of administrative personnel. Takes effect 7/1/3000. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p>HB 1892, HD2, SD1 (SSCR3152) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Part II: Amends the deadlines for required upgrades conversions, or connections for certain priority level 1 and priority level 2 cesspools. Part III: Authorizes and appropriates funds to the Department of Health to retain qualified consultants as necessary to identify necessary public outreach and education resources and tools and develop a comprehensive public outreach strategy and website to educate homeowners and wastewater industry professionals about information and resources regarding the State's cesspool upgrade, conversion, and connection requirements and deadlines. Part IV: Appropriates funds and establishes positions for the implementation of the cesspool compliance pilot grant project. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN/HHS, WAM</p>
<p>HB 1912, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3110) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT. Establishes one additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p>HB 1913, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3107) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION. Increases the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem in family court proceedings. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

<p><u>HB 1914, HD1, SD1</u> (SSCR3108) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL. Increases the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel in criminal proceedings. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 1917, HD1, SD1</u> (SSCR3192) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. Appropriates funds for collective bargaining cost items for judiciary employees and their excluded counterparts. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 4/14/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC/LBT, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 1936, HD2, SD1</u> (SSCR3340) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HARBOR SAFETY. Requires the Department of Transportation to require that the securing of mooring lines from vessels to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by labor subject to collective bargaining. Sunsets 7/1/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 2069, HD1, SD1</u> (SSCR3276) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES. Permits Department of Accounting and General Services to employ certain persons within the Comptroller's office who are exempt from state laws governing civil service and collective bargaining for certain purposes, as part of the State's information technology modernization efforts. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 2107, HD2, SD1</u> (SSCR3099) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATED TO DISASTER SERVICES. Appropriates funds to establish Limited English Proficiency Language Access Coordinator positions within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2042. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 2248, HD1, SD1</u> (SSCR3306) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop a North Shore Beach Management and Climate Adaptation Plan for the North Shore of Oahu from Sunset Point to the Kapo?o (Sharks Cove) area. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE/WTL/AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 2340, HD2, SD1</u> (SSCR3188) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. Makes appropriations and approves payments for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

<p>HB 2373, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3134) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Makes emergency appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Bargaining Units (1) and (10) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2374, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3135) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS. Makes emergency appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Bargaining Units (2), (3), (4), (9), (13), and (14) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2376, HD1 (SSCR3227) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS. Adjusts funding for Department of Transportation programs to pay for anticipated operating shortfalls due to the limited ability to transfer funds between programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2395, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3163) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD. Makes Hawaii National Guard service members activated by the Governor or the Governor's designated representative to state active duty ineligible for enrollment in the Employees' Retirement System based on the active duty. Takes effect 7/1/2042. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM/LBT, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2396, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3082) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD. Authorizes the payment of allowances for TRICARE Reserve Select coverages to junior officers, warrant officers, or enlisted personnel of the Hawaii National Guard ordered to active duty for more than thirty days in service to the State. Takes effect 7/1/2042. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2463, HD2, SD1 (SSCR3132) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW. Amending the definition of "employee" in Hawaii's Wage and Hour Law to exclude any employee who receives guaranteed compensation totaling \$4,000 or more a month. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2485, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3109) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION. Repeals an obsolete fee for a certified copy of a tax clearance. Adds a penalty for failure to comply with reporting requirements under general excise tax law and transient accommodations tax law for collection of rent by a third party. Raises the unfair competition penalty under general excise tax law to adjust for inflation. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

<p>HB 2486, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3176) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAX ENFORCEMENT. Authorizes the Department of Taxation to serve administrative subpoenas outside the State. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2489, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3136) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION. Exempts senior software developers in the Department of Taxation from civil service. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2490, HD2, SD1 (SSCR3230) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CAPITAL ADVANCEMENT CONTRACTS. Increases the caps for the total contract value for any one capital advancement contract (CAC) and the total aggregate value of CACs in a fiscal year entered into by the Department of Transportation with private parties for harbor improvements and adds reporting requirements for the Department. (SD1)</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2499, HD2, SD1 (SSCR3256) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Designates the Chief Financial Officer of the University of Hawaii to act as the University of Hawaii's chief procurement officer. Sunsets 6/30/2027. Effective 6/29/3000. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE/GVO, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2501, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3184) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Repeals the reporting requirement to identify the cost impacts to the State of providing workers' compensation coverage for University of Hawaii students. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE/LBT, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2504, HD2, SD1 (SSCR3346) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES. Beginning July 1, 2024, expands the cigarette tax levied upon a wholesaler or dealer under section 245-3, HRS, to electronic smoking devices and e-liquids. Requires 1.0 cents per cigarette, electronic smoking device, and e-liquid, but not more than \$500,000 per fiscal year, to be deposited into the credit of the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund. Repeals research expenses as an authorized use of funds in the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund. Prohibits the Cancer Center of Hawaii's Early Clinical Trial Program from receiving moneys from the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund. Requires an annual reporting of the final status of the Early Clinical Trial Program beginning 1/1/2025. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS/HRE, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2570, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3174) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ATTORNEYS. Requires petitions or motions for a pro hac vice appearance for a court or arbitration proceeding to be supported by certain evidence to ensure that both the applicant and local counsel will pay all state income tax due for Hawaii business activities as well as any other information or documentation required by the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii. Takes effect 4/14/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

[HB 2655, HD1, SD1](#)

[\(SSCR3137\)](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

~~MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.~~

~~Makes appropriations for the public employment cost items and cost adjustments for employees of the Senate, House of Representatives, and various legislative agencies who are excluded from collective bargaining. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)~~

~~LBT, WAM~~

~~[Measure deleted on 04-03-24]~~

[HB 2662, HD1, SD1](#)

[\(SSCR3187\)](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to establish a two-year Recreation and Education Upward Mobility Pilot Program for youth tenants in public housing. Permits the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to contract with outside parties to implement the program. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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Chair