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REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
TIME: 3:10 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

**SB 3028**

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RELATING TO 911 SERVICES.

Deletes the term "enhanced" in reference to 911 services to allow funding of all 911 technologies. Allows the 911 Board to employ staff, in addition to the executive director, exempt from chapters 76 and 89, HRS.

GVO, WAM/CPN

**SB 2644**

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO A LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE.

Establishes the legislative budget office to produce fiscal analyses and reports on bills impacting state or county finances. Repeals the joint legislative budget committee and the office of the legislative analyst. Appropriates funds.

GVO, WAM/JDC

**SB 3169**

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RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS.

Establishes the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund. Requires the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to set a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a non-apostille certification by administrative rules. Appropriates funds into and out of the special fund.

GVO, WAM/JDC

**SB 3184**

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

Amends section 103D-307, HRS, to add equipment failures, repairs of public property to protect against further loss of, or damage to, public property, to prevent or minimize serious disruption in continued functioning of government services. Replaces Chief Procurement Officer approval with an accounting report to the legislature within sixty days after the end of the fiscal year in which the procurement was made.

GVO, WAM

**SB 2816**

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RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Establishes: (1) a fee of \$10 for the issuance of an apostille or non-apostille certification; and (2) the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund. Authorizes the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to expend moneys in the special fund for operational expenses. Requires all state agencies to: (1) before adopting, amending, or repealing an administrative rule, provide electronic notice of the proposed rulemaking to certain persons; (2) when adopting, amending, or repealing an administrative rule, display changes to the rules in Ramseyer format; and (3) make the full text of their rules available on the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's internet website in a digitally accessible and searchable format. Establishes positions. Makes appropriations.

GVO, WAM/JDC

**SB 2873**

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RELATING TO STATE NAMING COMMISSION.

Establishes an Advisory Commission in the Department of Accounting and General Services to propose names or a change of names for state buildings, parks, facilities, and events.

GVO, WAM

**SB 2403**

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RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.

Requires any report of a study or an audit enacted with a legislative appropriation or adopted by concurrent resolution to be submitted to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairs of the appropriate subject matter committee of each house, and the Legislative Reference Bureau library. Requires a public hearing or informational briefing within one year of receipt of the report, except under certain circumstances. Requires a public hearing or informational briefing within one year of the publication of the performance audit reports. Exempts financial and other regularly occurring audits. Requires state departments and agencies to submit a report to the Legislature containing certain information regarding new, funded state programs within one year of the date on which the program's enabling Act became law.

GVO, WAM

**SB 3171**

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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 2288**

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RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

Requires any travel report submitted by a state employee, officer, or other representative of any state department or agency, including the Judiciary and University of Hawaii, in connection with out-of-state or intra-state travel for purposes of official state business, to be made available for public review on the Comptroller's website. Requires any personally identifiable information to be redacted from the published report. Appropriates moneys.

GVO, WAM

<p><b><a href="#">SB 2139</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS.          Imposes a cap on costs charged to reproduce certain government records. Waives reproduction costs charged for the first one hundred pages if disclosure serves the public interest. Waives costs charged to duplicate certain government records in an electronic format. Imposes a cap on costs charged to search for, review, and segregate records. Provides for a waiver of fees when a record's disclosure serves the public interest.</p>	<p>GVO, JDC/WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 2281</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.          Establishes a continuous Legislature. Requires the Legislature to convene at least once a month. Removes language regarding special sessions, adjournment, and recesses. Creates a two-year deadline for a bill to be submitted for gubernatorial consideration. Standardizes the number of days that the Governor must approve or veto a bill submitted for consideration. Requires the passage of the legislative budget within 45 days before the end of each fiscal year. Makes members of the Legislature subject to the sunshine law. Prohibits members of the Legislature from having employment other than their work as members of the Legislature.</p>	<p>GVO, JDC/WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 2830</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO MEETINGS.          Amends the definitions of "board", "board business", and "meeting" within state open meetings law to expand the scope of the law to include state and county policymaking groups, including groups created by emergency proclamations.</p>	<p>GVO, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 2597</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.          Clarifies that the prohibition against board and commission holdover members from holding office beyond the end of the second regular legislative session following the expiration of the member's term of office takes precedence over any conflicting statutes.</p>	<p>GVO, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 2639</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS.          Updates the enforcement mechanisms for the Uniform Information Practices Act and the Sunshine Law.</p>	<p>GVO, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 618</a></b>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO A STATE PERMITTING OFFICE.          Establishes the State Permitting Office within the Department of Accounting and General Services to process building and infrastructure permits for construction of state-owned buildings, state roads and highways, and other construction on state lands. Appropriates moneys.</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair