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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: February 2, 2024  
TIME: 2:05pm  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 309  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 2504](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES.  
Increases the cigarette tax and amends the cigarette tax disposition of revenues by allocating the increase in the cigarette tax amount to the Hawaii cancer research special fund.

HET/HLT, FIN



<a href="#"><u>HB 2359</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE. Establishes the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants to applicants to deploy digital equity projects to covered populations in the State.	HET, CPC, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2498</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE. Requires the tuition residency rules for the University of Hawaii to grant the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus to individuals who have graduated from a Hawaii high school and are enrolling in an undergraduate degree program, under certain conditions.	HET, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2500</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND. Establish the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund and accounts under the fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii system.	HET, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2501</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	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.	HET, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2502</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Repeals the sunset provision in Act 38, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, as amended by Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to allow the University of Hawaii to continue to regulate conflicts of interests and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities it sponsors.	HET, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2503</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESEARCH. Repeals the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program's sunset provision in Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to allow the continuation of the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawaii.	HET, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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