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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024
TIME: 2PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 309
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB1588 HD1**
The following measure(s) has been **DELETED** from the agenda: **HB2684**

HEARING

[HB 2140, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR172-24\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER.
Appropriates funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, HET, FIN

[HB 2138, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR171-24\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.
Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to establish an agriculture education coordinator position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, HET, FIN



<u>HB 1931</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds for salaries and fringe benefits of positions for the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy's Space Sciences Workforce Development Program, Maunakea Scholars Program, and Akamai Internship Program. Appropriates funds for office equipment and supplies for the Maunakea Scholars Program and Akamai Internship Program.	HET, FIN
<u>HB 2153</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes an air and space law program at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.	HET, FIN
<u>HB 2719</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. Establishes a pilot program to offer tuition waivers for certain community college students starting in fall 2025. Requires the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to submit a report.	HET, FIN
<u>HB 2720, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR214-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. Establishes a collective bargaining unit for graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and its community college system. Exempts graduate assistants from collective bargaining until they petition the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and the Board determines the graduate assistants are ready to be placed in a bargaining unit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LGO, HET, FIN
<u>HB 1588, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR275-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE LABOR EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL. Specifies that the Labor Education Advisory Council shall be advisory to the President of the University of Hawaii on all activities and programs of the Center for Labor Education and Research. Requires written responses addressing the Council's advice and adoption of resolutions by the President and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LGO, HET

DECISION-MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **02/07/2024 at 2PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

<u>HB 1788</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. Adds a cap for the amount of tax credits for research activities that an eligible taxpayer and the taxpayer's related entities may receive per taxable year. Consolidates the survey and certification requirements for tax credits for research activities. Amends the annual aggregate cap on tax credits for research activities that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism may certify. Requires certification of the tax credits for research activities on a first-come, first-served basis to be based on the date that a complete application is received, subject to certain conditions. Extends from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2029, the sunset date for tax credits for research activities.	HET, FIN
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[HB 2684](#)
[Status](#) ~~RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.~~
~~Establishes the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and~~
~~Outreach within the University of Hawaii at Hilo.~~ ~~HET, FIN~~

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **02/09/2024 at 2PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[SB 1511, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR1022\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE HET, FIN
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
Clarifies the purpose of the Research Corporation of the University of
Hawaii and that its undertakings shall be limited to acts that are
reasonably necessary to carry out its purpose. Repeals the requirement
that the University of Hawaii contract with the Research Corporation
when the University determines that other various agencies cannot
more effectively or efficiently accomplish certain research and training
activities. Grandfathers existing Research Corporation contracts and
requires new contracts be subject to new limitations. Limits the scope
of the special account the Research Corporation is authorized to
establish. Requires revolving accounts to follow University of Hawaii
Administrative Procedure 12.204. Limits internal service orders and
revolving accounts of the Research Corporation that use University
intramural funds to certain projects and requires biannual reports to the
Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

[HB 1802](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE HET, FIN
BONDS.
Authorizes the board of regents of the university of Hawaii to issue
revenue bonds for the purpose of financing capital improvement
projects.

[HB 1784](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO TAXATION. HET, FIN
For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023, temporarily
reinstates the Technology Infrastructure Renovation Tax Credit and
expands the definition of "technology-enabled infrastructure" to
include data servers.

[HB 2710](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS. HET, CPC
Requires a wireless telecommunications carrier, as a condition for any
conservation district use permit to construct, reconstruct, or alter a
telecommunications facility on Kaiwa ridge, to maintain emergency
backup power for a minimum of eight hours.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

