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REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2024
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 2817

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RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish five administrative, professional, and technical full-time equivalent (5.0 APT FTE) positions at the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

HRE, WAM

SB 2008

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RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TUITION. Allows certain lawful permanent residents, asylees, and refugees, and certain DACA aliens who are not lawfully present in the United States to be eligible for the resident tuition fee at any University of Hawaii campus under certain conditions.

HRE, JDC/WAM

SB 2105

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RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION. Authorizes students who are individuals from a COFA nation, refugees, or special immigrant visa holders to qualify for the resident tuition fee within the University of Hawaii system, under certain conditions.

HRE, JDC/WAM

SB 3187

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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.

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| <p>SB 2055</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p> | <p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.</p> <p>Establishes a three-year summer tuition pilot program to provide funding to UH community colleges to offset the costs aligning the resident tuition rates for the summer semester with the resident tuition rates for the spring and fall semesters at the community colleges. Appropriates funds.</p> | <p>HRE, WAM</p> |
| <p>SB 2970</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p> | <p>RELATING TO ACCESS TO EDUCATION.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to Leeward community college Waianae Moku to support and assist students who are twenty-four years old or younger and ineligible to apply for federal financial assistance through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid application because they are unable to access their parents' tax information.</p> | <p>HRE, WAM</p> |
| <p>SB 2946</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p> | <p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.</p> <p>Requires the University of Hawaii to submit to the Legislature annual reports of all university employees who performed work from a location outside of the State during the applicable year no later than December 31 of that year.</p> | <p>HRE, WAM</p> |

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair