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REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

[COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS](#)

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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

[GM 567](#)

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, WALT KANEAKUA, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

HWN

[GM 639](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE HARADA JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

HWN

**[Measure added
on 3/7/2024]**

[HB 2420, HD2](#)

[\(HSCR998-24\)](#)

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

Establishes the Act 279 special fund until 6/30/2026. Deposits certain unexpended and unencumbered funds appropriated through Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, that are set to lapse on 6/30/2024 into the Act 279 special fund and appropriates funds out of the special fund. Lapses unencumbered monies from the appropriation out of the Act 279 special fund on 6/30/2026. Effective 6/29/3000. (HD2)

HWN, WAM

**[Measure added
on 3/8/2024]**

[HB 2218, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR877-24\)](#)
[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.
Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, to increase the loan limit for direct loans provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from fifty per cent to seventy-five per cent of the maximum single residence loan amount allowed in Hawaii by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration. Takes effect on either the date of the Secretary of the Interior's notification that congressional approval of this Act is unnecessary, or on the date of consent by the United States Congress. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HWN, JDC/WAM
[Measure added on 3/8/2024]

[HB 1529, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR895-24\)](#)
[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO BURIAL COUNCILS.
Allows any burial council member whose term has expired to continue in office as a holdover member until the member's reappointment to a second term is confirmed or a successor is nominated and appointed. Prohibits holdover members from holding office beyond the end of the fourth regular session of the legislature following the expiration of the member's term of office. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HWN, JDC
[Measure added on 3/8/2024]

[HB 2772, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR736-24\)](#)
[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE STATE SEAL.
Requires the use of modern Hawaiian orthography, including the kahakō and 'okina, on the state seal. Provides that valid representations of the seal created before this Act shall remain valid. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HWN, WAM
[Measure added on 3/8/2024]

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Chair