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[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY](#)

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 26, 2024
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 2213 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. Amends section 11-364, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide that an excess contribution of more than \$100 in cash, in the aggregate, from a single person during an election period to a candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund if not returned to the contributor within 30 days.	JDC
SB 2215 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES. Updates the maximum administrative fines allowed for violations of chapters 84 and 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	JDC
SB 2216 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION. Clarifies and modernizes the way the State Ethics Commission provides advice and conducts investigations pursuant to sections 84-31 and 97-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	JDC
SB 2217 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO REPORTING PERIODS. Adjusts the reporting period for gift disclosures filed with the state Ethics Commission to conform with the fiscal year. Provides for electronic filing of documents required by the Ethics Commission.	JDC

Amends the definition of "lobbying" to include certain communications regarding procurement decisions, staffing or appointment decisions, the development of an administrative agency's written report or statement of policy, and ex parte communications regarding contested case hearings. Includes among lobbyists certain persons who submit testimony 10 or more times in any calendar year. Establishes certain presumptions regarding testimony when given by a paid person. Makes certain contracts voidable when entered into in violation of lobbying law. Effective 1/1/2027.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair