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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1544, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR179-24\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.
Adds a minimum penalty and amends the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expands the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties. Makes the setting, charging, and collecting of administrative fines by the Commission on Water Resource Management mandatory, rather than discretionary. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, JHA, FIN

[HB 1781, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR180-24\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
Establishes the Panaewa Community Development District to allow for planning, development, and maintenance of public lands in Panaewa, Hawaii. Amends membership of the Hawaii Community Development Authority to include representatives of the Panaewa Community Development District. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, JHA, FIN



HB 2467, HD1 (HSCR141-24) Status	<p>RELATING TO RENT CREDITS FOR DEMOLITION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS ON PUBLIC LAND LEASES. Repeals the sunset provision of Act 222, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to permanently allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve rent credits for demolition and infrastructure costs for public land leases. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WAL, JHA, FIN</p>
HB 2328, HD1 (HSCR159-24) Status	<p>RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to acquire and renovate parcels and buildings located between Bethel Street, Pauahi Street, Fort Street, and Chaplain Lane in Honolulu, Oahu, for affordable housing purposes. Requires units to be affordable to households having an income that does not exceed an unspecified percentage of the area median income. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HSG, JHA, FIN</p>
HB 2478, HD1 (HSCR188-24) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT. Authorizes the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. Establishes procedures for selection and succession of commissioners. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WAL, JHA, FIN</p>
HB 2626, HD1 (HSCR184-24) Status	<p>RELATING TO FISHPONDS. Specifies certain findings the Board of Land and Natural Resources must make for a lease of a government-owned Hawaiian fishpond. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WAL, JHA, FIN</p>
HB 2700, HD1 (HSCR191-24) Status	<p>RELATING TO WILDFIRES. Establishes the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund and Corporation to provide compensation for property damage resulting from catastrophic wildfires in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WAL/CPC, JHA, FIN</p>
HB 2429, HD1 (HSCR189-24) Status	<p>RELATING TO EMERGENCY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to provide temporary emergency assistance, case management, and other recovery services following the period covered by an emergency proclamation and establishes an emergency management program within the Director's office. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WAL/HUS, JHA, FIN</p>
HB 1778, HD1 (HSCR194-24) Status	<p>RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS. Beginning 7/1/2026, amends existing law regarding preemption of local ordinances and regulations regulating the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices as a matter of statewide concern to clarify that the State's preemption power extends solely to the taxation of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices and allows counties to adopt ordinances that regulate the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices that do not conflict with and are more stringent than the state law that governs smoking. Prohibits the counties from enacting an ordinance or a regulation that imposes a fee or tax on the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, JHA, FIN</p>
HB 1954, HD1 (HSCR206-24) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT. Permanently establishes and appropriates funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, JHA, FIN</p>



HB 2451, HD1 (HSCR204-24) Status	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Authorizes examination of defendants via telehealth. Amends conditions for certain petty misdemeanants' release or examination of fitness to proceed. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, JHA, FIN
HB 2159, HD1 (HSCR205-24) Status	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Part I: requires the Department of the Attorney General to assist with the preparation and filing of petitions for assisted community treatment and with the presentation of the case, unless declined by the petitioner. Part II: repeals language entitling the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to legal representation by a public defender. Part III: provides a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain nonviolent defendants for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment. Part IV: authorizes courts to require certain probation violators to undergo a mental health evaluation and treatment program as a condition of continued probation. Part V: beginning 7/1/2024, and occurring every ten years thereafter, requires the Department of Health to convene an Advisory Committee on Mental Health Code Review. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, JHA, FIN
HB 2509 Status	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES. Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges from 70 years to 75 years.	JHA, FIN
HB 2657 Status	RELATING TO ABUSIVE LITIGATION. Establishes judicial procedures to prevent and remedy abusive litigation.	JHA, FIN
HB 1933, HD1 (HSCR212-24) Status	RELATING TO SOBRIETY CHECKS. Establishes a sobriety checkpoint special fund to provide funding to county law enforcement agencies for staffing for sobriety checks and processing of persons arrested at sobriety checkpoints. Increases the state vehicle registration fee and establishes the amount to be deposited into the sobriety checkpoint special fund. Appropriates funds into the sobriety checkpoint special fund and out of the special fund as grants-in-aid for the counties. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

