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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2024
TIME: 09:45 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: WAM

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A G E N D A

The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective subject matter committees:

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| HB 2359, HD2, SD1 (SSCR3144) Status & Testimony | RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE. Establishes the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants to applicants to deploy digital equity projects to covered populations in the State. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1) | EET, WAM/JDC |
| HB 2451, HD3 (SSCR3189) Status & Testimony | RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Authorizes examination of defendants via telehealth. Amends conditions for certain petty misdemeanants' release or examination of fitness to proceed. Provides a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain nonviolent defendants for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3) | HHS/PSM, WAM/JDC |
| HB 2453, HD1, SD1 (SSCR3183) Status & Testimony | RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. Authorizes the Governor, or a state official with authorization from the Governor, to transfer federal capitalization grant funds between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund, in accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 35.3530(c). Takes effect 7/1/3000. (SD1) | HHS, WAM/JDC |

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| <p><u>HB 2480, HD1, SD1</u> (SSCR3266) Status & Testimony</p> | <p>RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS. Requires the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to set a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a non-apostille certification by administrative rules. Establishes the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund. Appropriates funds into and out of the special fund. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2491. (SD1)</p> | <p>GVO, WAM/JDC</p> |
| <p><u>HB 2700, HD3, SD1</u> (SSCR3349) Status & Testimony</p> | <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. Creates a process for electric utilities to develop and submit wildfire protection plans to the Public Utilities Commission for approval and allow the recovery of related costs and expenses through securitization, while avoiding a disproportionate impact on a specific ratepayer or county. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)</p> | <p>CPN, WAM/JDC</p> |
| <p><u>HB 1838, HD2, SD1</u> (SSCR3292) Status & Testimony</p> | <p>RELATING TO ZONING. Expands the zoning powers of counties. Expands the scope of the transient accommodations tax law to include certain shelters and vehicles with sleeping accommodations. Takes effect 7/1/2040. (SD1)</p> | <p>CPN/EET/GVO, JDC/WAM</p> |
| <p><u>HB 1889, HD1, SD1</u> (SSCR3157) Status & Testimony</p> | <p>RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS. Expands workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for breast cancer and cancer of the female reproductive organs. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p> | <p>LBT/PSM, JDC/WAM</p> |
| <p><u>HB 2193, HD1, SD1</u> (SSCR3088) Status & Testimony</p> | <p>RELATING TO FIREWORKS. Takes effect 7/1/2042. (SD1)</p> | <p>PSM, JDC/WAM</p> |
| <p><u>HB 2218, HD1, SD1</u> (SSCR3087) Status & Testimony</p> | <p>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. (SD1)</p> | <p>HWN, JDC/WAM</p> |
| <p><u>HB 2443, HD2, SD1</u> (SSCR3311) Status & Testimony</p> | <p>RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS. Repeals the sunset date of the authorization for primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients. Clarifies that primary caregivers may continue to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients subject to certain restrictions. Increases the maximum number of qualified patients for which each location used to cultivate cannabis may cultivate cannabis from five to ten patients. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p> | <p>HHS/CPN, JDC/WAM</p> |

HB 2471, HD2, SD1

(SSCR3331)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO INSPECTIONS ON PUBLIC LAND.
Establishes a statutory framework for inspections of public land leases or licenses by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, including by third-party inspectors contracted by the Department. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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HB 2505, HD1, SD1

(SSCR3334)

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RELATING TO LAND USE.
Increases the fines for violations of land use laws. Imposes enhanced fines for developers and owners of important agricultural lands who repeatedly use the lands for unintended purposes. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

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