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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2024
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
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A G E N D A

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

[SB 572, SD1](#)

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Allows the Department of Agriculture to declare a biosecurity emergency in certain circumstances and with the approval of the Governor. Outlines the terms of a declared biosecurity emergency. Requires the Department to implement certain requirements for agricultural commodity importers. Allows the Department to fine agricultural commodity importers who fail to comply with the requirements. Allows the Department to subpoena necessary documentation from agricultural commodity importers relating to a known or suspected infestation of pests. Allows the Department to quarantine any farm, facility, or business that is known to be infested with pests. (SD1)

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RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

Amends the state supplemental payment ceiling for domiciliary care paid to recipients who are eligible for federal supplementary security income or public assistance, or both. Amends the monthly needs allowance for individuals residing in foster homes, care homes, domiciliary homes, and other long-term care facilities. (SD1)

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<p><u>SB 2070, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2179)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Exempts career and technical education goods and services purchases by the Department of Education from the State Procurement Code. Requires the Department of Education to acquire three verbal or written quotes for career and technical education purchases of not more than \$100,000. Repeals 7/1/2027. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2133</u> <u>(SSCR2138)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING. Authorizes HHFDC to issue bonds for housing project infrastructure and finance the development of regional state infrastructure projects. Exempts bonds issued by HHFDC for improvements by assessments, and the interest thereon, from state, county, and municipal taxation, with certain exceptions. Includes proceeds from bonds issued for regional state infrastructure projects as a source of revenue for regional state infrastructure subaccounts. Authorizes regional state infrastructure subaccount revenues to be used to repay regional state infrastructure project bond holders.</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2159, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2381)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY. Requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to prepare and periodically update the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include other agricultural economic updates, including aquaculture, that expand the State's priority on food by including freshwater and saltwater aquatic organisms as a viable food source. Requires the Governor to submit the updated plan to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2257, SD2</u> <u>(SSCR2377)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Authorizes the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to consider qualified individuals with at least an associate's degree or high school diploma with comparable education and coursework, industry experience, and content expertise to teach career and technical education courses. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2285, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2186)</u> Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. Amends the functions and duties of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Clarifies the definition of "health care". Establishes positions. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>

<p>SB 2288, SD1 (SSCR2715) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO GOVERNMENT. Requires any travel report submitted by a state employee, officer, or other representative of any state department or agency, including the Judiciary and University of Hawaii, in connection with out-of-state or intra-state travel for purposes of official state business, to be made available for public review on the Comptroller's website. Requires any personally identifiable information to be redacted from the published report. Limits the information to be disclosed for travel reports relating to law enforcement operations. Allows law enforcement agencies to delay the reporting of its travel report for law enforcement operation purposes. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2289, SD1 (SSCR2468) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO KALAUPAPA. Requires the Department of Health to include in its annual report regarding Kalaupapa Settlement details and updated information, as available, regarding the permanent transfer to other governmental entities of the powers and duties of the Department over Kalaupapa Settlement. Requires the Department of Health to report on its community engagement efforts with community stakeholders and the Molokai community. Sunsets on the first 6/30 after the Revisor of Statutes receives a written gubernatorial proclamation that the referenced transfer is complete. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2291, SD1 (SSCR2169) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ADVISORY BOARDS. Establishes advisory boards, focused on workforce development, for the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2322, SD1 (SSCR2506) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WATER QUALITY. Requires the Department of Health to require continued water testing during brown water advisories under certain circumstances. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS/AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2329 (SSCR2385) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Appropriates funds, including for positions, equipment, and maintenance and operating costs, for mullet production for fishponds and stock enhancement.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2362 (SSCR2573) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER. Appropriates funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.</p>	<p>AEN/HRE, WAM</p>

<p>SB 2413, SD1 (SSCR2530) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Board of Agriculture to submit a report on the percentage of agricultural lands that are suitable for farming and actively farmed and certain dollar amounts relating to lease transfers between lessees. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2419 (SSCR2403) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY. Appropriates funds for the biosecurity program of the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement projects for clean plant material, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2500, SD1 (SSCR2525) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS. Establishes a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Declares that the general fund expenditure is exceeded. Makes an appropriation for food and product innovation facilities on the islands of Molokai, Oahu, and Hawaii. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET/AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2504, SD1 (SSCR2147) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS. Repeals Part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub and related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry. Repeals the respective appropriation for DBEDT. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2513, SD1 (SSCR2574) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes a 3-year new waste management solution and cesspool system demonstration pilot program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to examine and demonstrate new wastewater and cesspool technology systems; implement those technologies in demonstration projects in areas across the State that are identified as priority level 1 in the 2021 Hawaii Cesspool Hazard Assessment and Prioritization Tool Report; and establish a similar ranking system for prioritization levels for the islands of Molokai, Lanai, and Niihau. Requires the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Establishes positions. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes appropriations. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN/HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2518, SD1 (SSCR2166) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPLORATION. Makes an appropriation to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for geothermal energy exploration. Requires surface and subsurface exploration and community outreach. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2537, SD1 (SSCR2490) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ENERGY. Clarifies the reporting requirements of the Chief Energy Officer to the Legislature. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>

<p>SB 2677, SD1 (SSCR2675) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. Amends the entity responsible for approving a variance for the installation of solar water heater systems from the Chief Energy Officer to the appropriate county authority having jurisdiction over building permits. Requires the fees collected by each county authority having jurisdiction over building permits to be deposited into the appropriate county operating fund. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET/GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2727, SD1 (SSCR2387) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Allows high-rise residential condominium properties to be eligible for commercial property assessed financing. Takes effect 7/1/2040. (SD1)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2828 (SSCR2496) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE CONVERSION OF POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to convert vacant Engineer (Buildings) V positions to Project Manager II positions and requires that the salaries of the converted positions be comparable to Project Manager II class, SR-26.</p>	<p>GVO, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2837, SD1 (SSCR2471) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Requires the transfer of the Maui State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System and then to the Department of Health, as part of the Oahu Regional Health Care System transfer pursuant to Act 212, SLH 2021. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2951, SD1 (SSCR2676) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM. Appropriates funds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation to establish positions to maintain and improve the East Kauai irrigation system and for maintenance of and improvements to the system. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3006, SD1 (SSCR2489) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE CONVENTION CENTER. Exempts the Convention Center from the requirements regarding concessions on public property. Authorizes the Convention Center to sell advertising and marketing on and in the Hawaii Convention Center Facility. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3010, SD1 (SSCR2285) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to direct the Hawaii State Energy Office, and work with utility companies and other renewable energy developers, on all applicable planning, leasing, and permitting processes, to expedite the development of renewable energy resources. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3087, SD1 (SSCR2240) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Expands access to early learning programs on other state properties and public lands besides Department of Education public school campuses. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>

<p>SB 3125, SD1 (SSCR2510) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS. Authorizes minors who are fourteen years or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections. Requires confidentiality policies and practices for insurers and providers. Takes effect 1/1/2025. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS/CPN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3128, SD1 (SSCR2679) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ACT 212, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2021. Repeals the requirement to transfer the Oahu Regional Health Care System from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health. Requires the Oahu Regional Health Care System to enter into an agreement with the Department of Health regarding Oahu Regional Health Care System taking care of low acuity patients in the Department's custody by the end of 2024. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3202, SD1 (SSCR2313) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT. Prohibits county zoning ordinances from not allowing four or more residential units per residential lot within an urban district. Requires the counties to allow for attached and detached additional units or accessory dwelling units but authorizes the counties to impose certain restrictions. Provides that a parcel zoned for residential use that is in the state urban land use district shall not be prohibited from being subdivided, consolidated, or resubdivided under certain conditions. Requires the counties to consider the square footage of a development when determining the development's proportionate share of public facility capital improvement costs. Permits the appropriate board of water supply to calculate impact fees based on total number of fixtures when the public facility impacted is a water or sewage facility. Takes effect 1/1/2026. (SD1)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3279 (SSCR2683) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Establishes within the Office of Wellness and Resilience the State of Well-being Project to assess and enhance tier 1 and tier 2 mental health support services for all key stakeholder communities across the State. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation to establish an unspecified number of full-time equivalent mental health specialist positions within the Office of Wellness and Resilience.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3282, SD1 (SSCR2287) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ENERGY. Repeals the Hawaii State Energy Office and establishes the Energy Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Renames the Chief Energy Officer as the Chief Energy Administrator. Requires the Energy Division to establish a State Energy Plan. Transfers functions and makes conforming amendments. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>

<p>SB 3305 (SSCR2333) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires all public charter schools that offer prekindergarten programs exclusively to adhere to the provisions of chapter 302D, HRS, with certain exceptions.</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3364, SD1 (SSCR2284) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO DESTINATION MANAGEMENT. Amends the powers and duties of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Requires the HTA to develop destination management action plans for each county and to perform the actions specified in each destination management action plan. Renames the HTA's tourism marketing plan as the strategic tourism management plan and amends the required components of the plan. Requires the strategic tourism management plan to include statewide destination management and regenerative tourism efforts and programs. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3365, SD1 (SSCR2568) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS. Requires the Department of Agriculture to certify treatments performed on wood chips, compost, and filter socks. Places certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3383 (SSCR2579) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to contract for a statewide assessment of the needs of the long-term care workforce for home and community-based service providers. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>

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