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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
TIME: 2:00PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 496, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR38\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO MĀMAKI TEA.
Prohibits the use of certain words that can be used on the label of a consumer package that contains or includes tea or dried leaves from the plant *Pipturus albidus*, unless one hundred per cent of the tea or dried leaves were grown in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, CPC, FIN

[HB 978, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR89\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES.
Provides the Public Utilities Commission the authority to appoint a receiver to take temporary action necessary to assure continued adequate electric services from regulated investor-owned electric utilities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN



<u>HB 1316, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR143)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Beginning 1/1/2026, requires rental vessels to be registered and numbered with the Department of Land and Natural Resources before being provided or offered to be used by the public for transiting the navigable waters of a state park. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 914, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR163)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WATER CARRIERS. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish automatic adjustment mechanisms. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to grant exemptions to any water carrier from any requirement under the Hawaii Water Carrier Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1161, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR117)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Authorizes a county to impose a mileage-based road usage charge. Provides and requires a county to establish the rate of the charge. Clarifies the disposition of funds for state mileage-based road usage charge. Repeals the requirement of the Department of Transportation to establish county subaccounts within the State Highway Fund. Establishes the State Mileage-Based Road Usage Charge Subaccount within the State Highway Fund. Clarifies the rate and calculation of the state mileage-based road usage charge. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1301, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR110)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Applies the existing framework regulating motor carriers onto transportation network companies. Repeals the chapter regulating transportation network companies. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 624, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR174)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS. Creates a School Psychologists Working Group to recommend actionable steps or propose legislation for an immediate pathway to licensure for school psychologists that can be acted upon in 2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 815, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR13)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires the health benefits plan or plans established by the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund board to meet or exceed the requirements of the Prepaid Health Care Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1).	LAB, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 463, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR206)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EVICTION RECORDS. Requires that all court records of any eviction proceeding be sealed immediately if certain conditions are met. Authorizes the court to seal certain eviction records upon motion by a tenant who is able to demonstrate that certain conditions apply. Requires the clerk of the court to provide access to sealed eviction records to the tenant. Makes it a discriminatory practice to discriminate against a person based on the knowledge or belief that the person has a sealed eviction record. Prohibits discrimination in real property transactions against a person with a sealed eviction record. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, CPC, JHA



<u>HB 467, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR212)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FORECLOSURES. Prohibits sellers of foreclosed homes from bundling properties at a public sale and requires each foreclosed home to be sold separately. Specifies that the sale of a foreclosed property is not final until either fifteen days after the public sale or forty-five days if an eligible bidder submits a subsequent bid or written notice of intent to submit a subsequent bid. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, CPC, JHA
<u>HB 1325, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR136)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires developers developing an affordable housing project under HHFDC to assist certain tenants who are subject to displacement or eviction by the proposed project by: granting those tenants the right of first refusal of a comparable unit in the housing project at an affordable rate or establishing a fund to provide relocation benefits and offer assistance; providing information, either directly or through a contracted service, on how to obtain assistance and exercise the right of first refusal; and establishing procedures to track and maintain communication with those tenants. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, CPC, JHA
<u>HB 553, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR185)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Beginning 1/1/2026, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and health plans under the State's Medicaid managed care program to provide coverage for biomarker testing. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT/HSB, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 557, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR34)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TELEHEALTH. Amends the definition of "interactive telecommunications system" for purposes of reimbursement for services provided through telehealth. Requires health care providers to append a modifier to any claim for telehealth services using two-way, real-time, audio-only communications technology. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to report to the Legislature on reimbursements claimed in the previous year for certain telehealth services. Repeals the sunset date of Act 107, SLH 2023. (HD1)	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 712, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR70)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Prohibits drug manufacturers from denying, restricting, or prohibiting the acquisition, shipping, or delivery of a 340B drug to pharmacies contracted with 340B covered entities under the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, CPC, JHA
<u>HB 250, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR158)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires utilization review entities to submit data relating to the prior authorization of health care services to the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Establishes timelines for the approval of prior authorization requests for urgent and non-urgent health care services. Establishes the Health Care Appropriateness and Necessity Working Group within the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, CPC, FIN



DECISION MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **February 5th, 2025**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 807](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

CPC, FIN

Establishes the Condominium Loan Program to provide condominium associations with low-cost financing, or refinance previously obtained loans, for maintenance or repair projects. Establishes the Condominium Loan Loss Reserves Program to incentivize lenders into providing loans at competitive rates and terms to condominium associations for the purpose of allowing condominium associations to make necessary maintenance or repairs. Appropriates funds.

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **February 4th, 2025**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 1047](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO INTEREST ON INSURANCE PROCEEDS RELATED TO A MORTGAGE LOAN.

CPC, FIN

Supports mortgagors during disasters and other instances of damage to property by requiring licensed mortgage servicers and financial institutions to pay interest on insurance proceeds held for the benefit of consumers. Provides that a fee shall not be charged to the borrower in connection with the maintenance or disbursement of insurance proceeds received by the financial institution. Provides that the minimum interest rate paid on insurance proceeds be based on the national rate for money market accounts, as determined according to title 12 C.F.R. section 337.7 and will be credited to the borrower monthly.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

