THE SENATE KA 'AHA KENEKOA

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 14, 2025

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

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<u>AGENDA</u>

SB 1137 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Requires insurers to notify policyholders of rate changes within 30 days of approval by the Insurance Commissioner and not less than 30 days before the effective date of the rate change.	CPN
SB 293 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS. Requires a seller or its agent in a residential real property transaction to disclose that the United States Postal Service cannot deliver mail or packages to the residential real property being offered for sale.	CPN
Status & Testimony	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Increases the notice period for an insurer to notify a policy holder of a cancellation or nonrenewal of a property casualty insurance policy.	CPN
SB 1575 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Allows authorized insurers in the State to offer building and hurricane damage insurance for condominium buildings at a lesser rate than the building's prior surplus lines insurance policy for the same coverage.	CPN
Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Requires any managing agent to notify each unit owner and the Real Estate Commission when a condominium association that the agent manages fails to meet budget and replacement reserves reporting requirements.	CPN

SB 1050

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Allows captive insurance companies that are not risk retention captive insurance companies to apply to the Insurance Commissioner for certificates of exemption from examination after meeting certain requirements.

CPN

SB 1212

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION.

Requires at least two members of the Real Estate Commission to be licensed professional engineers or architects engaged in business in the State for three years immediately preceding the appointment.

CPN

SB 1366

Status & Testimony

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

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.

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SB 1367

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO INSTALLMENT LOANS.

Clarifies the intended scope of chapter 480J, HRS, which is the regulation of installment lenders, and that the law does not intend to eliminate the ability of lenders to make low-interest rate loans under existing interest and usury laws. Replaces the term "consumer loan" with the defined term "installment loan" for consistency throughout the statutes. Requires loan maintenance fees to be prorated daily to prevent consumers from incurring fees once the loan is paid off. Allows lenders to charge a convenience fee of up to five dollars for debit card payments, providing consumer more options for repayment. Streamlines the loan repayment process by requiring paper receipts only for in-person or cash payments and increases consumer privacy by removing consumer names from receipts. Repeals the requirement for lenders to wait three days after a consumer fully repays a loan before issuing a new installment loan.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole Chair