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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

HB 934, HD1

[\(HSCR987\)](#)

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE.
Transfers the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services in the Department of Accounting and General Services. Establishes the Broadband and Digital Equity Special Fund. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDT, WAM

HB 97, HD2

[\(HSCR1113\)](#)

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RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE.
Establishes a new regulatory framework for the sale of travel insurance in the State, including licensing and registration requirements for limited lines travel insurance producers. Effective 10/1/3000. (HD2)

EDT, CPN

HB 448, HD1

[\(HSCR1115\)](#)

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RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY ENABLEMENT.
Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to assist small businesses, including those related to the tourism sector, with technology enablement. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDT, WAM

<u>HB 455, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR985)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS LOANS. Establishes the Hawaii start-up business loan program. Establishes the Hawaii start-up business loan program special fund. Requires DBEDT to submit an annual report to the Legislature regarding the program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDT, WAM
<u>HB 1405, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR988)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO PERMITS. Establishes specific deadlines within the facilitated application process to obtain a permit and requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish certain resources and processes to help streamline permit applications. Establishes and appropriates funds for positions within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDT, WAM
<u>HB 1308, HD3</u> <u>(HSCR1167)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO SPORTS WAGERING. Allows for the regulation of sports wagering by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Establishes licensing requirements for sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers. Specifies that legal sports wagering and fantasy sports contests shall not be considered contests of chance or gambling. Effective 07/01/3000. (HD3)	EDT, WAM [Measure deleted on 03-07-2025]
<u>GM 511</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA PAULSON, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.	EDT
<u>GM 615</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTIAN WEST, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.	EDT
<u>GM 600</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ERIC FUJIMOTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.	EDT
<u>GM 616</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANDREW PEREIRA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.	EDT

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Lynn DeCoite
Chair