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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #3

[HB 1187, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR393\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.
Phases in a ban on state departments and administratively attached agencies from purchasing imported flowers and lei. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, FIN

[HB 1337, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR612\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENDEMIC PLANTS.
Requires the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience to establish an endemic plant seed bank pilot program to preserve and promote the planting of plant species that are endemic to Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, HED, FIN



[HB 450, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR559\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.
Transfers the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission from the Department of Accounting and General Services to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Transfers the authority held by the Comptroller over the Works of Art Special Fund to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Appropriates funds for positions within the Administrative Services Office of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Effective 7/1/2026. (HD2)

CAA, ECD, FIN

[HB 925, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR682\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE ARTS.
Establish a Performing Arts Special Fund to be used for the coordination, planning, promotion, marketing, and execution of performing arts events and to be funded by one per cent of all ticket sales from concerts held at state venues. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

CAA, FIN

[HB 1378, HD1](#)
[Proposed HD2](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS.
Proposed HD2: Establishes the Performing Arts Grants Program to support performing arts in the State. Clarifies the scope of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts' responsibilities to include the coordination, planning, promotion, marketing, and execution of performing arts events. Allows the use of the moneys from the Performing Arts Grants Special Fund for performing arts. Appropriates funds to provide grants under the Performing Arts Grants Program and for the operations of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Includes additional funding sources for the State Art Museum. Clarifies that the Works of Art Special Funds shall be used only for costs related to the acquisition of works of art. Effective 7/1/3000. (PROPOSED HD2)

CAA, FIN

Note: This proposed draft differs from the version as received by the committee, and contains amendments that, while significant, do not change the bill's intended purpose. The proposed draft is being provided so the public may testify on its contents.

The proposed HD2 is available on the Legislature's Web site:
<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>.

[HB 628, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR454\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.
Authorizes the Department of Education to establish a program to award high school diplomas to persons who did not receive a diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into the armed services and persons whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDN, PBS, FIN

[HB 751, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR604\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE.
Establishes statewide goals for solid waste reduction and organic waste diversion. Requires each county to incorporate into its next integrated solid waste management plan revision a plan to divert certain organic waste generated within the county in alignment with established state benchmarks. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EEP, FIN



<u>HB 549, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR652)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AN EARLY LEARNING APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM. Establishes an Early Learning Apprenticeship Grant Program to be administered by the University of Hawaii to provide financial support for early learning program service providers in the State to participate in state- or federally-approved early learning apprenticeship programs. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HED, HSH, FIN
<u>HB 563, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR401)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S SPACE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INITIATIVE. Appropriates funds for salaries and fringe benefits of positions for the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy's Space Science and Engineering Initiative Workforce Development Program, Maunakea Scholars Program, and Internship Program. Appropriates funds for office equipment and supplies, operational costs, and stipends for the Maunakea Scholars Program and Internship Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED, FIN
<u>HB 1168, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR400)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS. Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED, FIN
<u>HB 214, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR537)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT. Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of retirement benefits if the retirant is employed as a school resource officer or investigator in positions identified by the Department of Law Enforcement or the Department of the Attorney General, respectively, as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill positions, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Director of Human Resources of the appropriate state jurisdiction or the human resources management chief executive of each county to include in their annual reports to the Legislature, details on the employment of retirants as school resource officers or investigators. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, FIN
<u>HB 792, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR278)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES. Clarifies the office of the legislative analyst. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LMG, FIN
<u>HB 97, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR784)</u> <u>Status</u>	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)	TOU, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 348, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR664)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS. Prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic containers within sleeping room accommodations, any space within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the public or guests. Establishes civil penalties. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TOU, EEP, FIN



[HB 448, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR161\)](#)
[Status](#)

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)

TOU/ECD, FIN

[HB 449, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR157\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
Appropriates funds to assist in the development and promotion of Hawaii-manufactured products through the INNOVATE Hawaii program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

TOU/ECD, FIN

[HB 960, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR375\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.
Increases the maximum value of capital advancement contracts that may be executed by the Department of Transportation without legislative approval. Repeals the requirement for the Department of Transportation to obtain legislative approval through concurrent resolution for capital advancement contracts greater than \$2,000,000. Increases the total aggregate value of capital advancement contracts that the Department of Transportation may enter into in a fiscal year. Establishes certain reporting requirements related to capital advancement contracts. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

TRN, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

