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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 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

[SB 177, SD1, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR1381\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.  
Authorizes the Division of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture to adopt, amend, and repeal rules to develop an assessment and approval process to import and move aquatic livestock in the State. Requires the Aquaculture Program to develop a biological aquatic risk-based framework and biocontainment standards for the aquatic livestock assessment and approval process. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, CPC, FIN

[SB 328, SD1, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR1442\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.  
Establishes an income tax credit for capital infrastructure costs incurred in the conversion of a dairy farm to a hog farm. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, ECD, FIN



<a href="#"><u>SB 894, SD3, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1439)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for regional kitchen expansion to fulfill the local farm-to-school meal goal requiring thirty per cent of the food served in public schools to consist of locally sourced products. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1186, SD2, HD2</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1445)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. Establishes the Statewide Interagency Food Systems Coordination Team and the Interagency Food Systems Working Group within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, ECD, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1142, SD1, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1481)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO INSURANCE PROCEEDS. Requires mortgage servicers to comply with certain requirements regarding the disbursement of insurance proceeds for residential real estate that has been destroyed or damaged. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CPC, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 989, SD1, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1344)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to assist small businesses with technology enablement and develop project management software to simplify the facilitated application process for small businesses. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ECD, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1578, SD2, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1345)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Establishes the official designation of the East-West Center as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, Inc., and exempts state fund appropriations to the East-West Center from chapter 42F, HRS. Renames the Hawaii Sister-State Committee to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission and amends its functions and membership. Requires the Office of International Affairs to provide support to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Expands the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's authority to establish out-of-state offices to include out-of-state facilities to support sister-state or province partnerships and other partnerships that promote and enrich the people, cultures, environments, and economies of the State and its international partners, generate revenue for the State, and buy property. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ECD, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1589, SD3, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1290)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE STADIUM DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND. Requires gifts or grants from a private source deposited into the Stadium Development Special Fund to be used only for infrastructure related to the stadium and costs associated with the development of the stadium. Requires any unexpended and unencumbered funds in the Stadium Development Special Fund to immediately lapse to the general fund if the NASED project is terminated. Appropriates funds out of the Stadium Development Special Fund with certain conditions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ECD, FIN



<a href="#"><u>SB 747, SD1, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1386)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. Establishes an Audit Office within the Board of Education to audit operations and expenditures of the Department of Education. Exempts positions within the Audit Office from civil service law. Requires annual reports to the Governor and Director of Finance. Authorizes the Legislature to request a copy of the annual reports. Establishes six full-time equivalent (6.0 FTE) positions within the Audit Office. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, LAB, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1300, SD1, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1338)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, expands free school meal coverage to students who currently qualify for reduced-price lunch. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, expands free school meal coverage to students whose family income is no more than three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1220, SD2, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1476)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF. Requires gas utility companies to submit proposed renewable gas tariffs to the Public Utilities Commission by 8/31/2025. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a renewable gas tariff within nine months of receiving a completed application for a proposed renewable gas tariff. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EEP, CPC, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1269, SD1, HD2</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1501)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES. Appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for continued exploration and identification of geothermal resources and commercial viability for utility-scale geothermal production in counties with a population of less than 300,000, with certain limitations. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EEP/ECD, CPC, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1602, SD1, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1397)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE KEAUKOU AQUIFER SYSTEM. Establishes the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Pilot Project. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine whether to continue, expand, or end the Pilot Project. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Pilot Project and to install two monitoring wells in the Keauhou Aquifer System. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EEP/WAL, FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 382</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSCR1970)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Prohibits a procurement officer from disclosing a competing offeror's proposal or evaluation score, except the summary of scores, during a debriefing requested by a non-selected offeror. Authorizes the disclosure of a competing offeror's proposal or evaluation score after any protest is resolved and the contract is executed.	FIN
<a href="#"><u>SB 1252, SD2, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1413)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO DEMENTIA. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish positions for the university of Hawaii at Manoa John A. Burns School of Medicine's department of geriatric medicine to provide coordination between the university of Hawaii's programs that provide training on Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED, FIN



<a href="#">SB 1502, SD1, HD1 (HSCR1285)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds for the establishment of faculty positions, student programs, and facilities at the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of Hawaii, West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the State's economy. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED, FIN
<a href="#">SB 299, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1420)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. Appropriates funds for the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, FIN
<a href="#">SB 850, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1418)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY. Requires the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to collect data and submit to the Legislature a report focused on the health disparities experienced by individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the State prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, FIN
<a href="#">SB 71, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1351)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND. Establishes the Mixed-Income Subaccount within the Rental Housing Revolving Fund that targets workforce rental housing projects for persons and families with incomes at or below one hundred forty per cent of the area median income. Authorizes the Director of Finance to transfer funds from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund into the Mixed-Income Subaccount. Appropriates funds into and out of the Mixed-Income Subaccount of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, FIN
<a href="#">SB 1669, SD2, HD2 (HSCR1399)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT. Establishes the Transit-Oriented Community Improvement Partnership within the Department of Transportation. Establishes the Community Improvement Special Fund. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds into and out of the special fund for the partnership and positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HSG/TRN, WAL, FIN
<a href="#">SB 717, SD1, HD1 (HSCR1178)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. Repeals the prohibition placed on certain employees exempt from Civil Service Law from grieving a suspension or discharge. Allows any employee who is a member of an appropriate bargaining unit to grieve a suspension or discharge. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, FIN
<a href="#">SB 828, SD1, HD1 (HSCR1182)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS. Expands workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for adenocarcinoma or mesothelioma of the respiratory system; cancer of the buccal cavity, colon, pharynx, and thyroid; and malignant melanoma. Specifies that an employer may prove that the cancer or disease was not associated with the firefighting duties to deny medical benefits under workers' compensation law. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, FIN



[SB 855, SD1, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR1181\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT.  
Clarifies the definition of "covered employer" under the Hawaii Retirement Savings Act. Requires covered employers to automatically enroll covered employees into the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program unless the employee opts out. Repeals the limit on the total fees and expenses that can be spent for the Program each year. Appropriates funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the development and operation of the Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

LAB, FIN

[SB 353, SD2, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR1458\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.  
Amends emergency management laws to clarify state and county authority. Prohibits the Governor or Mayor from suspending requests for records or vital records and statistics during a state of emergency. Adds definition of the term "severe weather warning". Allows the Legislature and county councils to terminate a state of emergency, in whole or in part, issued by the Governor or Mayor, respectively. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

PBS, JHA, FIN

[SB 1377, SD2](#)  
[\(HSCR1283\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO VETERANS CEMETERIES.  
Establishes the Veterans Cemeteries Board within the Office of Veterans' Services of the Department of Defense to provide veterans cemeteries in the State with guidance, education, technical assistance, and other support to ensure compliance with standards set by the National Cemetery Administration of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. (SD2)

PBS, FIN

[SB 1009, SD2, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR1452\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PARKING.  
Establishes a state reserved parking space enforcement fine for the unauthorized use of parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities or electric vehicles to be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund. Specifies that a fine shall not be imposed on a person who parks in a space designated and marked as reserved for electric vehicles if the electric vehicle charging system is visibly inoperable or broken. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

TRN, JHA, FIN

[SB 1638, SD2, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR1384\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AIR CARRIERS.  
Establishes within the Department of Transportation a three-year Molokai Air Carrier Subsidy Pilot Program to provide subsidies to airlines operating out of Molokai Airport. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

TRN, FIN



[SB 1667, SD2, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR1454\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

TRN, JHA, FIN

Requires, when planning and managing state highways, in certain areas to be determined by certain national standards. Establishes requirements for the State Highway Safety and Modernization Council. Authorizes the State Highway Safety and Modernization Council to select potential areas for the Department of Transportation to install additional photo red light imaging detector systems. Prohibits any vehicles from blocking marked crosswalks. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to implement additional automated speed enforcement systems in school zones as designated by the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee. Requires annual reports. Requires the Department of Transportation to collaborate with the courts before any expansion of the photo red light imaging detector and automated speed enforcement systems. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

[SB 439, SD1, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR1489\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FEES.

TOU/WAL, FIN

Requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules to impose user fees that apply solely to nonresidents visiting state parks and trails, as selected by the Board. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

