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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

[COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS](#)

Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Chair
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

[SB 109](#)

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RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.
Requires that the Hawaiian version of a law be held binding if the law in question was originally drafted in Hawaiian and then translated into English.

HWN, JDC

[SB 199](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE.
Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to establish and maintain Native Hawaiian cultural centers within the State. Requires the Office to submit reports to the Legislature regarding the Office's compliance with this Act. Appropriates moneys for the planning and design of the first Native Hawaiian cultural center.

HWN, WAM

[SB 268](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS.
Decreases the size of the Island Burial Councils from 9 to 7 members. Removes the requirement for the councils to include members having development and large property owner interests.

HWN, JDC

[SB 269](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.
Appropriates moneys to fund the operating expenses of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning on 7/1/2025, and ending on 6/30/2027.

HWN, WAM

<u>SB 624</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO PRINCE JONAH KUHIO KALANIANAOLE. Requires certain public buildings near mass transit projects and on Hawaiian home lands to display portraits of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole.	HWN, WAM
<u>SB 625</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Authorizes the election of the members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Establishes the elected office of Director of Hawaiian Home Lands, the holder of which shall have administrative oversight over the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Subject to congressional approval.	HWN, JDC/WAM
<u>SB 629</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to mail beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, monthly accountability reports that contain certain information on leases and fiscal matters.	HWN, WAM [Measure deleted on 01-27-25]
<u>SB 654</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO LAND LEASES. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to repeal, revoke, or buy out the remainder of the lease of the real property under the Prince Kuhio Plaza, in Hilo, Hawaii, and resell that lease at fair market value to a new entity that agrees to properly maintain the plaza.	HWN, WAM [Measure deleted on 01-27-25]

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Herbert Richards
Chair