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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 131](#)
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RELATING TO RESEARCH. JHA
Allows agencies to disclose government records to researchers for certain research purposes.

[HB 411](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ETHICS ADMINISTRATIVE FINES. JHA
Establishes uniform provisions for the assessment of administrative penalties under the State Ethics Code and Lobbyist Law.

[HB 412](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LOBBYING. JHA
Establishes certain presumptions regarding testimony when provided by a lobbyist. Makes certain contracts voidable when entered into in violation of the state lobbying law. Expands the definition of "lobbying" in the state lobbying law to include certain communications with high-level government officials regarding procurement decisions.



[HB 413](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LOBBYIST CONTRIBUTIONS.

JHA

Clarifies administrative oversight of statutory restrictions relating to prohibited lobbyist contributions. Clarifies that the regular or special sessions in which lobbyist contributions are prohibited are periods during which both houses of the legislature are in session.

[HB 149](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CORPORATIONS.

JHA

Requires domestic and foreign corporations to provide their shareholders with reports of independent expenditures and political contributions.

[HB 369](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

JHA

Amends section 11-364, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide that an excess contribution of more than \$100 in cash, in the aggregate, from a single person during an election period to a candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund if not returned to the contributor within 30 days.

[HB 370](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS.

JHA, FIN

Increases the amount of partial public campaign financing available for all state and county elective offices. Amends section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by increasing the maximum amount of public funds available for each election for candidates (1) for Mayor of the County of Kauai and the County of Maui by 125%; (2) for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from \$1,500 to 10% of the expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d), HRS; and (3) for candidates for all other offices by 50%. Amends section 11-429(a), HRS, by increasing the amounts of qualifying contributions for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from more than \$1,500 in the aggregate to more than \$5,000 in the aggregate. Provides a downward adjustment of the amounts of qualifying contributions for the Office of Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, and County of Kauai and for the Office of County Council for the County of Maui. Provides for an unspecified appropriation to pay for the increase in the partial public financing program. Provides for an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 for the Commission to hire 2 additional staff members.

[HB 371](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

JHA

Prohibits state or county grantees, officers and immediate family members of state or county contractors, and officers and immediate family members of state or county grantees from contributing to candidate or noncandidate committees for the duration of the contract. Requires candidates, candidate committees, or noncandidate committees to return any unlawful contribution to the contributor within 30 calendar days of receipt. Provides that if any unlawful contribution is not returned to the contributor within 30 calendar days, the unlawful contribution shall escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund.



<u>HB 372</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. Prohibits state and county elected officials from soliciting and accepting campaign contributions during any regular session or special session of the state legislature, including any extension of any regular session or special session or any legislative recess day, holiday, or weekend.	JHA
<u>HB 772</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Disallows the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 662</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Repeals the exemption for the expenditure of candidate's own funds under the definition of contribution. Makes contributions by the candidate's immediate family subject to contribution limits. Amends the loan amount that a candidate or candidate committee may receive from the candidate's own funds or immediate family.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 134</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Requires the Chief Election Officer to provide a system for the electronic filing of nomination papers. Effective 1/1/2026.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 408</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION. Extends the deadline to register to vote by mail from 30 to 10 days prior to a primary or general election. Repeals obsolete language regarding permanent absentee ballots.	JHA
<u>HB 141</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION. Makes the members of the Elections Commission subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.	JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair

