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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 31, 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 410](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

JHA, FIN

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.

[HB 304](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.

JHA, FIN

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.

[HB 603](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BUSINESS MARKETING.

JHA, CPC, FIN

Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to administer and oversee a Native Hawaiian Marketing Program to promote businesses owned by Native Hawaiians through marketing and technical assistance.



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| <u>HB 1091</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO SEWER TRANSMISSION LINES. Requires that all county sewer transmission lines on Hawaiian home lands in compliance or brought into compliance by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, are licensed or dedicated to the respective county within sixty days after the receipt by the appropriate county agency of a completed application for maintenance request. | JHA |
| <u>HB 1239</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL. Authorizes the Hawaiian Homes Commission to retain independent legal counsel, with any legal fees owed to be paid by the State, and also use the services of the Attorney General as needed. | JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 1351</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED. Increases the limit of the State's liability from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000 for moneys borrowed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands or loans made to lessees that are guaranteed by the Department. | JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 1362</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to expand the sewer network and lines within and throughout the Keaukaha homestead. | JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 1457</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. Authorizes the Hawaiian Homes Commission to designate tax increment districts that may utilize tax increment financing. | JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 871</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. Clarifies that Act 130, SLH 2024, which amended the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, takes effect on either the date of the Secretary of the Interior's notification letter that Act 130 does not require congressional approval, or on the date that the United States Congress approval becomes law. | JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 1090</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO COUNTY USER FEES. Exempts the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from county user fees, in the amount of \$100,000 aggregate per year, and ensures county services to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for Hawaiian Home Lands. | JHA, FIN |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair

