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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 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 1324](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LANDLORD-TENANT DISPUTES.
Requires the Judiciary to contract for legal services for residential tenants in actions or proceedings with their landlord under certain circumstances. Authorizes attorneys, paralegals, and law student to provide legal services to residential tenants. Appropriates funds.

JHA, CPC, FIN

[HB 126](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE.
Increases transparency and accountability surrounding property forfeiture. Clarifies which property is subject to forfeiture. Amends the authorized disposition of forfeited property and the proceeds thereof. Repeals language that requires the Hawaii Omnibus Criminal Forfeiture Act to be construed liberally.

JHA, FIN



HB 166 Status	RELATING TO THE DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES. Requires the State to defend professionally licensed or certified state employees from civil actions or proceedings, under certain circumstances. Clarifies that the employee may employ their own attorney at the employee's own expense. Establishes a process for the Attorney General to transfer or withdraw representation if the Attorney General declines to defend the employee.	JHA, FIN
HB 278 Status	RELATING TO POLICING. Requires county police departments and police oversight agencies to collect and report certain data regarding police stops, arrests, uses of force, and complaints to the Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division of the Department of the Attorney General. Requires the Division to collect and publish incident-level information and an annual report on the data collected.	JHA, FIN
HB 301 Status	RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTECTIVE ORDERS. Makes a second or subsequent conviction for violation of a domestic abuse protective order a class C felony. Increases the sentencing requirements for second or subsequent convictions.	JHA, FIN
HB 472 Status	RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION. Allows for a digitized identification card to be accepted as a valid form of identification, under certain conditions. Authorizes state and county law enforcement agencies to accept a digitized identification card as proof of a person's identity.	JHA, FIN
HB 894 Status	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT. Prohibits state contractors, prospective state contractors, holders of procurement prequalification certificates, or principals of these groups from making contributions to, or soliciting contributions from their employees or from subcontractors or principals of subcontractors on behalf of, certain candidate committees, noncandidate committees, and political party committees. Requires the Procurement Policy Board to adopt rules to issue prequalification certificates to prospective contractors for public buildings or other public works. Amends the contribution limits for certain individuals and noncandidate committees. Prohibits lobbyists and certain persons related to lobbyists from soliciting contributions from client lobbyists. Increases the administrative fines.	JHA, FIN
HB 225, HD1 (HSCR1) Status	RELATING TO SQUATTING. Establishes a working group within the Department of the Attorney General to study the issue of squatting in Hawaii and provide recommendations. Requires reports to the legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, JHA, FIN
HB 306, HD1 (HSCR22) Status	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES. Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the Commission on Water Resource Management must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines in five-year increments from 2030 to 2045. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, JHA, FIN



<u>HB 595, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR12)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. Establishes the right of a person to record law enforcement activities. Establishes a private right of action for any violation of the right to record law enforcement activities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 280, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR2)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT. Permanently establishes and appropriates funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 29, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR20)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE COUNTIES. Authorizes counties, after adoption of an ordinance, to sell private property after all notices, orders, and appeal proceedings are exhausted, and to use those revenues to pay unpaid civil fines related to that property. Requires the county to remit any amounts in excess of the unpaid civil fines to the property owner. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 900, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR6)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Establishes a working group for legal services for youth in the child welfare system within the judiciary. Appropriates funds for the working group. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 129, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR29)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO YOUTH FEES AND FINES. Prohibits the assessment of any fees, fines, or court costs against a person who was adjudicated for an offense committed during the person's minority, or against the person's parent or guardian, and discharges all related debt obligations assessed before the effective date of the Act. Limits court-ordered community service for a minor to no more than seventy-two hours. Repeals certain penalties imposed on parents, guardians, or other persons associated with unaccompanied children in streets and unmarried minors in dance halls. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, JHA, FIN

DECISION-MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **01-28-25 at 2:00 PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

<u>HB 371</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. 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.	JHA
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[HB 662](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

JHA, FIN

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.

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **01-31-25 at 2:00 PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 1090](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO COUNTY USER FEES.

JHA, FIN

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.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair

