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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:	Wednesday, February 12, 2025
TIME:	2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
	Conference Room 325
	State Capitol
	415 South Beretania Street

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<u>AMENDED AGENDA</u>

The following measure(s) has been ADDED to the agenda: HB958, HB604, HB1308

The following measure(s) has been **DELETED** from the agenda: **HB1000**

<u>HB 1002, HD1</u> (HSCR240)	RELATING TO THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.	PBS, JHA, FIN
<u>Status</u>	Beginning July 1, 2025, extends the term of the Oversight Coordinator for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Authorizes the Hawaii Correctional System Commission to review the	
	Coordinator's performance and make a recommendation to the Governor as to whether the Coordinator should be retained. Clarifies that the Oversight Coordinator has the general authority to inspect agencies and correctional facilities without notice. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	



<u>HB 677, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR79)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in collaboration with various agencies and upon request of the inmates, to assist inmates in obtaining the inmates' civil identification card, birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society, as soon as practicable. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to initiate the process of obtaining identifying documents for inmates released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs, by providing the forms necessary for the inmate to obtain civil identification cards and other identifying documents to the inmate as soon as practicable. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	PBS, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1183, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR132)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS. Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers. Effective 07/01/3000. (HD1)	LAB, JHA, FIN
HB 1045 Status	MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL COSTS. Makes emergency appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Judiciary for payroll and fringe benefits of affected Department of Law Enforcement personnel.	JHA, FIN
HB 664 <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION. Establishes the Office of Gun Violence Prevention to conduct community outreach on gun violence prevention, develop and administer a grant program for gun violence prevention, and develop and administer a gun violence resource bank. Establishes the Gun Violence Prevention Special Fund and appropriates funds into and out of the special fund. Appropriates funds.	JHA, FIN
HB 508 Status	RELATING TO FIREWORKS. Amends Act 67, SLH 2023, to appropriate funds for the illegal fireworks task force for FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027 and to extend the sunset date of the Act from 6/30/2025 to 6/30/2030.	JHA, FIN
HB 648 Status	RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP SERVICES. Establishes a two-year pilot program in the Probate Court and Family Court of the First Circuit to fund certain guardianship and conservatorship related court resources in situations where the respondent does not have sufficient funds to pay for one or more of the resources and the court has deemed the resource or resources beneficial. Requires the Judiciary to submit reports to the Governor and Legislature. Appropriates funds.	JHA, FIN



<u>HB-1000</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING. Requires that the Attorney General's identification system include criminal cases initiated via citations that resulted in conviction, deferred acceptance of guilty or nolo contendere plea, or conditional discharge, and that a court order identification processing in such cases.	JHA, FIN
HB 1001 Status	RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS RELATED TO THE MAUI WILDFIRES. Makes general fund appropriations for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to fund the settlement of claims related to the Maui wildfires. Establishes the Maui Wildfires Settlement Trust Fund to be administered by the Attorney General.	JHA, FIN
HB 1174 Status	RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT UNDER PROTEST LAWSUITS. Allows for the interest earned on payments under protest in the litigated claims fund to be paid in nontaxation cases if the claimant prevails. Establishes a procedure for the disposition of moneys and refiling of actions when a payment under protest suit is filed prematurely.	JHA, FIN
HB 990 Status	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. Makes appropriations and approves payments for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees.	JHA, FIN
HB 997 Status	RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED PAYMENTS. Requires the Judiciary to contract with a collection agency or licensed attorney to collect delinquent court-ordered fees, fines, sanctions, and court costs. Repeals the authority of the Judiciary to contract with a collection agency or licensed attorney to collect delinquent restitution. Expressly allows courts to specify a period of time or installments for payment of fees and restitution. Requires courts to hold payment compliance hearings once per year or as soon as practicable, until all fees, fines, and restitution are fully paid, and requires a defendant to appear and show cause if the defendant fails to pay in full within a time specified by the court or fails to pay three consecutive installments. Makes corresponding amendments to related statutes.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 364, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR236)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL. Establishes the Spay and Neuter Special Fund to reduce pet overpopulation, including the free-roaming cat population, and authorizes an income tax designation to provide revenues into the special fund. Requires that female cats over the age of three months and male cats over the age of five months be surgically sterilized, with certain exceptions. Authorizes county animal control authorities to establish and enforce a permit program to allow the responsible breeding of cats. Establishes minimum requirements for breeding permits and penalties. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. Applies to taxable years after 12/31/2025. (HD1)	CPC, JHA, FIN



HB 366, HD1 (HSCR97) Status	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Requires contested cases, environmental assessment cases, or environmental impact statement cases involving renewable energy projects over twenty megawatts in size, except cases that involve any form of incineration, to be appealed from an agency's decision directly to the Hawaii Supreme Court for final decision. Requires the cases to be prioritized and decided expeditiously. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EEP, JHA, CPC
HB 992 Status	RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC. Revises registration, fee, reporting, and enforcement requirements for charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities with chapter 467B, HRS, requirements. Removes duplication of registration, fee, and reporting requirements for charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 228, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR73)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES. Authorizes the counties to adopt rules for the use of electronic license plates and for intentionally obscuring a license plate with a cover or shield. Prohibits the use of license plate flipping devices. Establishes minimum and maximum fines. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1358, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR198)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST WORKING GROUP. Appropriates moneys to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to facilitate the hiring of necessary staff and the purchase of equipment and professional services on behalf of the public land trust working group. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1007, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR144)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Authorizes the Hawaii Community Development Authority to cooperate with or assist public and private sector entities to engage in projects that improve the State. Establishes the transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement program under the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Repeals the transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement district and board. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, JHA, FIN



<u>HB 958, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR200)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Requires all bicycles equipped with motors to be operated only with all wheels on the ground at all times, with certain exceptions. Prohibits certain actions while operating a bicycle equipped with a motor. Prohibits the operation of high-speed electric devices in certain locations. Requires manufacturers and distributors to apply a label to electric bicycles. Requires distributors to place a sign at or near the point of sale regarding electric bicycles. Defines "electric bicycle" in place of "low-speed electric bicycle". Defines "electric micro mobility device" and requires the same regulations as electric foot scooters to apply to electric bicycle on a sidewalk. Authorizes a person to ride a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle on a sidewalk at a speed not exceeding ten miles per hour. Prohibits a person from operating a bicycle or electric foot scooter under the age of eighteen without a helmet. Repeals the requirement that moped drivers use bicycle lanes. Substitutes the word "motor drive cycle" with the word "motor scooter". Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 604, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR129)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAX REVENUES. Beginning on 1/1/2026, increases transient accommodations tax rates by 1 percentage point. Deposits the increased revenues into the Hawaiian Home General Loan Fund established under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TOU/HSG, JHA, FIN
HB 1308, HD1 (HSCR169) Status	RELATING TO SPORTS WAGERING. Allows for the regulation of sports wagering by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Establishes licensing requirements for sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers. Specifies that sports wagering and fantasy sports contests shall not be considered contests of chance or gambling. Effective 07/01/3000. (HD1)	ECD, JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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