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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: TIME: PLACE: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:00 PM Conference Room 224 & Videoconference State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

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HB 423, HD2 (HSCR1044) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Clarifies the process for selecting a certified provider of rehabilitation services. Requires providers to automatically approve vocational rehabilitation services for an injured employee if those services will likely be required for suitable gainful employment. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	LBT, WAM
HB 480, HD1 (HSCR911) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Authorizes an attending physician to request a functional capacity exam and refer an injured employee for the exam without first obtaining permission from the employee's employer. Allows licensed occupational and physical therapists to be deemed qualified to perform functional capacity exams. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LBT, CPN/WAM
HB 162, HD2 (HSCR1068) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. Authorizes the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to furnish a list of five qualified and experienced interest arbitrators in the event the parties fail to select the neutral third member of the arbitration panel. Clarifies that the list of five interest arbitrators may contain arbitrators from both the American Arbitration Association and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	LBT, WAM

HB 164, HD1 (HSCR910) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS TO THE STATE. Requires disbursing officers to notify employees within sixty days of making a determination that an indebtedness has occurred to the government resulting from salary or wage overpayment. Amends the amount that a disbursing officer may deduct from an employee's salary, wage, or compensation based on the employee's gross income. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LBT, WAM
HB 1152, HD1 (HSCR913) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION. Permanently exempts the software developer supervisor in the Department of Taxation and the data privacy officer and tax business analysts in the Office of the Director of taxation from civil service. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LBT, WAM
HB 214, HD1 (HSCR1106) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT. Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of retirement benefits if the retirant is employed as a school resource officer or investigator in positions identified by the Department of Law Enforcement or the Department of the Attorney General, respectively, as a labor shortage or difficult-to- fill positions, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Director of Human Resources of the appropriate state jurisdiction or the human resources management chief executive of each county to include in their annual reports to the Legislature, details on the employment of retirants as school resource officers or investigators. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LBT, WAM
HB 874, HD3 (HSCR1047) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CHILD PERFORMERS. Amends the Uniform Custodial Trust Act to specify that for a minor in theatrical employment with a gross income of at least \$5,000 on a project or \$20,000 in a calendar year: a parent or legal guardian of the minor is required to establish a trust account for the minor with an independent third-party trustee; and the employer of the minor is required to deposit a portion of the minor's earnings into the trust account until the minor becomes an adult. Makes misappropriation or fraudulent use of funds within the trust account a breach of fiduciary duty subject to penalties. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)	LBT, JDC/CPN
HB 159, HD1 (HSCR909) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. Clarifies that the civil service exemption for personal service contracts for building, custodial, and grounds maintenance services with qualified community rehabilitation programs shall not cost more than \$850,000 in the aggregate per private person or entity, regardless of the number of contracts or qualified community rehabilitation program utilized for the personal service. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LBT, WAM

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Senator Henry J.C. Aquino Chair