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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2025
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 411
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 1381, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR786\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD.
Allows the Commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard to hold the rank authorized by the Department of the Air Force, which is currently Major General. Provides the Adjutant General with the flexibility to assign either the Chief of Staff or the Assistant Adjutant General to lead the Hawaii Air National Guard. Authorizes the pay and allowances for the Chief of Staff of the Hawaii Air National Guard to be determined according to the pay tables of the Regular Air Force of the United States. (SD1)

PBS, FIN



[SB 422, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1188\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

EDN, PBS, FIN

Authorizes the Department of Education to award a high school diploma to qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into the armed services of the United States or whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[SB 414, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1271\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RESTORING ACCESS TO DISASTER-AFFECTED AREAS.

HSG, PBS, FIN

Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to institute proceedings to condemn certain lands in Lahaina to build a new access road from Keawe Street to the Kilohana and Kalaiola sites developed in the Villages of Leialii. Appropriates funds out of the Major Disaster Fund for the appraisals and other preparations for the condemnation proceedings. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[SB 223, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR1053\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION.

PBS/WAL, FIN

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish an independent program relating to the prevention, control, and extinguishment of wildland fires within forest reserves. Authorizes the Administrator of Forestry and Wildlife to establish and maintain facilities for the performance of fire protection, fire prevention, pest control, and forest and range protection and enhancement activities. Requires the State Fire Council to amend the State Fire Code to require certain owners and occupants of properties located in hazardous fire areas to maintain effective firebreaks within thirty feet of the property and to practice other fire prevention activities. Establishes the Community Fuels Reduction Project to be administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD2)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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