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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025
TIME: 10:01 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: WAM

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A G E N D A

The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective subject matter committees:

SB 222

[\(SSCR81\)](#)

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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.

PSM, WAM

SB 327, SD1

[\(SSCR53\)](#)

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RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS.

Permits the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to enter into contracts with eligible employers or registered apprenticeship programs in the private sector to provide on-the-job training to eligible interns. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to collaborate with the Department of Human Resources Development for certain portions of the on-the-job-training work experience program. Provides that the State shall be the responsible employer for purposes of workers' compensation coverage for students or recent graduates in the on-the-job-training work experience program, subject to certain limitations. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

LBT, WAM

SB 1044, SD1 (SSCR88) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE. Expands the powers of the Hawaii Property Insurance Association and reactivates the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund to help to stabilize the property insurance market in the State. Allows the Hawaii Property Insurance Association and the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund to contract with domestic private insurers to act as a servicing facility to provide affordable coverage options for property owners who meet certain requirements. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to conduct a study to develop long-term solutions to stabilize the property insurance market in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CPN, WAM
SB 440, SD1 (SSCR97) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes the Future Career and Technical Education Teacher Scholarship Program to be administered by the Department of Education to facilitate the recruitment and retention of career and technical education teachers in Hawaii public schools. Establishes the Future Career and Technical Education Teacher Scholarship Special Fund. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	EDU, WAM
SB 529, SD1 (SSCR94) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for its Hoakea Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	EDU, WAM
SB 533, SD1 (SSCR98) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to evaluate school needs to mitigate the impact of the planned public safety power shutoff program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	EDU, WAM
SB 552, SD1 (SSCR17) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a Healthy Soils Program. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AEN, WAM
SB 693, SD1 (SSCR15) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM. Appropriates funds for the continued implementation of the Food Hub Pilot Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AEN, WAM
SB 855, SD1 (SSCR56) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT. Clarifies the definition of "covered employer" under the Hawaii Retirement Savings Act. Requires covered employers to automatically enroll covered employees into the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program unless the employee opts out. Repeals the limit on the total fees and expenses that can be spent for the Program each year. Appropriates funds to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the development and operation of the Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	LBT, WAM

SB 1117, SD1 (SSCR107) Status & Testimony	<p>RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>Renames the Electric Bicycle and Electric Moped Rebate Program to the Electric Mobility Rebate Program. Expands eligibility and amends the maximum rebate amounts. Prohibits individuals under fifteen years of age from riding electric bicycles. Amends the age requirement for helmet use from sixteen to eighteen years of age. Allows use of electric bicycles on public sidewalks, subject to certain conditions. Authorizes rather than requires that mopeds use bicycle lanes. Establishes rules for electric bicycle operation. Defines "electric motorcycle". Requires that electric motorcycle operators carry an insurance policy by incorporating electric motorcycles into the insurance laws governing motorcycles and motor scooters, including with respect to provisions concerning required licensure, the relationship with tort law, proof of insurance card, penalties, rate regulation, and minimum coverage levels. Makes conforming amendments. Changes the term "motor scooter" to "motor-driven vehicle". Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	TCA, WAM
SB 1186, SD1 (SSCR68) Status & Testimony	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.</p> <p>Establishes the Statewide Interagency Food Systems Coordination Team and the Interagency Food Systems Working Group within the Department of Agriculture. Requires reports to the Legislature. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	AEN, WAM
SB 1300, SD1 (SSCR96) Status & Testimony	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for meal subsidies for students whose families are classified as asset limited, income constrained, employed (ALICE) households. Requires the Department of Education to adopt administrative rules. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	EDU, WAM
SB 1391, SD1 (SSCR95) Status & Testimony	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for teacher-requested classroom supplies. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	EDU, WAM
SB 1567, SD1 (SSCR54) Status & Testimony	<p>RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to complete a comprehensive review of the classification and compensation systems for all positions within the State's executive branch. Allows the Department to contract with a third-party, without regard to the Hawaii Public Procurement Code, to assist the Department in its timely completion of the review. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050.</p>	LBT, WAM
SB 1588, SD1 (SSCR69) Status & Testimony	<p>RELATING TO NUCLEAR ENERGY.</p> <p>Establishes the Nuclear Energy Task Force within the Hawaii State Energy Office. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 5/13/2040. (SD1)</p>	EIG, WAM

[SB 1669, SD1](#)

[\(SSCR118\)](#)

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RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.
Establishes the Transit Oriented Community Improvement Partnership within the Department of Transportation.
Establishes the Community Improvement Revolving Fund.
Allows for transfers of land development rights to the Partnership. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.
Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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Chair