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[COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS](#)  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
TIME: 10:03 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference  
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A G E N D A

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

<a href="#">SB 119, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR223)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO NURSING. Appropriates funds to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	HRE, WAM
<a href="#">SB 124, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR73)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4 AND 6, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING REAPPORTIONMENT. Proposes a constitutional amendment to specify that reapportionment shall be based on the resident population, as counted in the decennial United States census for the respective reapportionment year, rather than the permanent resident population. (SD1)	JDC, WAM
<a href="#">SB 264, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR28)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS. Establishes the amount of compensation for private-sector examiners who evaluate a criminal defendant's penal responsibility or fitness to proceed in a legal case. Appropriates funds. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)	JDC, WAM

<p><b><u>SB 345, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR72)</u>  <u>Status &amp;</u>  <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING.          Raises the cap on the maximum amount of matching funds available to candidates for the Hawaii Partial Public Financing Program. Increases the cap on the amount of expenditures a candidate can make in the Program. Increases the matching fund ratio from \$1 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions raised by a candidate to \$2 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions raised in excess of the minimum qualifying contributions that a candidate must raise to participate in the Program. Appropriates funds. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 361, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR152)</u>  <u>Status &amp;</u>  <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>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 4/23/2057. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 422</u></b>  <u>(SSCR347)</u>  <u>Status &amp;</u>  <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.          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.</p>	<p>EDU/PSM, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 438, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR583)</u>  <u>Status &amp;</u>  <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.          Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility for hazardous waste or solid waste on land that is near or above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health, in consultation with the Commission on Water Resource Management. Prohibits waste or disposal facility on class A and B agricultural land. Prohibits the use of fly ash, bottom ash, or a combination of fly ash and bottom ash from a municipal waste combustor, including any ash residue that remains after removal of metals for recycling into new metal products, for the purposes of road building, construction, or as alternative daily cover material on a landfill. Requires fly ash, bottom ash, or a combination of fly ash and bottom ash from a municipal waste combustor to be disposed of in a double-lined and duly licensed municipal solid waste or hazardous waste landfill. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 441</u></b>  <u>(SSCR480)</u>  <u>Status &amp;</u>  <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.          Designates the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra as the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 494, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR345)</u>  <u>Status &amp;</u>  <u>Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.          Requires the Department of Budget and Finance, in collaboration with the Auditor, to conduct a financial audit of each charter school operating in the State. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>

<p><a href="#"><b>SB 659, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR434)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.  Exempts from the electronic procurement system the Department of Education's purchase of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added processed, agricultural, or food products not exceeding \$100,000, subject to certain requirements. Requires the Department of Education to establish guidelines for determining a geographic preference for locally sourced products. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU/AEN, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 732, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR216)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE FILM INDUSTRY.  Requires qualified production costs of a taxpayer that exceed \$1,000,000 to be certified by an independent third-party certified public accountant to qualify for the tax credit. Increases the total amount of tax credits allowed in any given year from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Includes broadcast and streaming platform productions under the tax credit. Defines "streaming platform". Extends the sunset date for the tax credit to 1/1/2039. Makes conforming amendments. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDT, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 741</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR226)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.  Establishes an External Audit Committee within the University of Hawaii to audit the University of Hawaii System and the Board of Regents. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 747, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR99)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.  Establishes an Audit Office within the Board of Education to audit operations and expenditures of the Department of Education. Exempts positions within the Audit Office from civil service law. Requires annual reports to the Governor and Director of Finance. Authorizes the Legislature to request a copy of the annual reports. Establishes six full-time equivalent (6.0 FTE) positions within the Audit Office. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 819, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR346)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.  Requires the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to establish an international teacher license for certain visa holders. Establishes criteria for obtaining and renewing an international teacher license. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 867, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR589)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.  Establishes a working group within the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes to ascertain the State's available water resources and water system source capacity and to streamline well permit approval processes to further plan for the development of affordable housing. Requires the working group to inventory all available water resources statewide and identify sources of aquifer replenishment in relation to affordable housing development. Requires an interim and final report to the Legislature. (SD1)</p>	<p>HOU/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 878</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR333)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.  Extends the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to 6/30/2028.</p>	<p>HOU/HHS, WAM</p>

<p><b><u>SB 894, SD2</u></b>  <u>(SSCR546)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.  Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to fulfill the local farm-to-school meal goal requiring thirty per cent of the food served in public schools to consist of locally sourced products. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 946, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR641)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.  Establishes that the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after 12/31/2026 shall not apply to treatment plants that have a treatment capacity of less than ten million gallons per day. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS/AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1057, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR373)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.  Clarifies that the bid incentive given to bidders for public works construction projects who are parties to an apprenticeship agreement is based on apprenticeable trades utilized, rather than employed, to construct the public works. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT/GVO, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1146, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR545)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL.  Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the development of an action plan and pre-engineering concept plan to help with debris management and water quality control in the Ala Wai watershed. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1185, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR301)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.  Establishes within the Department of Agriculture a working group to review and make recommendations on amending or repealing unnecessary or obsolete laws pertaining to agriculture. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1221, SD1</u></b>  <u>(SSCR221)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.  Prohibits counties from permitting or allowing retention and detention ponds to be constructed except under certain conditions. Establishes safety requirements for retention and detention ponds statewide. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to inspect retention and detention ponds statewide. Requires a report to the Legislature. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 5/13/2040. (SD1)</p>	<p>EIG/HHS, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1225</u></b>  <u>(SSCR27)</u>  <u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></p>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY THAT THE STANDARD FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IS A MAJORITY OF ALL THE VOTES TALLIED UPON THE QUESTION.  Proposes to amend article XVII, section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution regarding the standard for ratification of a constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature, to require that a majority of all the votes tallied upon the question be a "yes" vote, and not include blank, spoiled, and over votes in determining whether a majority was reached.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

<p><a href="#"><b>SB 1233, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR195)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.  Establishes within the Department of Human Resources Development the State Internship and Workforce Development Program. Establishes positions within the Department. Appropriates funds. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 1304, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR295)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING.  Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 1316, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR575)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>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 district 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 in district court 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. Appropriates funds. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 1364, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR283)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>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. Effective 7/1/2077. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 1462</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR370)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO A STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INCOME TAX CREDIT.  Reenacts the Historic Preservation Income Tax Credit, establishes a cap of the tax credit at \$1,000,000, for taxable year 2025 to taxable year 2030, respectively, and repeals the tax credit on December 31, 2030.</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 1581</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR482)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO HAWAII-JAPAN PACIFIC PEACE MONUMENT.  Establishes a Hawaii-Japan Pacific Peace Monument to be developed by the State Foundation on Culture and appropriate stakeholders representing Hawaii and Japan. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>SB 1585, SD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(SSCR517)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.  Establishes and implements evidence-based performance metrics for the P-20 Partnerships for Education to allow better evidence-based assessments of the P-20 Partnerships for Education advisory council's workforce and pathway development programs. Requires reports to the Legislature. Authorizes the expenditure of Perkins V federal funds. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>SB 1589, SD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(SSCR660)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE STADIUM DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND.  Requires conditions placed on appropriations to the Stadium Development Special Fund to be met before expenditure. Appropriates funds out of the Stadium Development Special Fund, subject to the completion of specific project readiness conditions. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDT, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 1622, SD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(SSCR518)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.  Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the Aloha Intelligence Institute within the University of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE/LBT, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 1624, SD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(SSCR519)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.  Requires the Board of Regents to expend funds appropriated to renew, improve, or modernize existing University of Hawaii facilities for only those purposes and not for current, ongoing, or anticipated capital improvement projects. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>

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Chair