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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: Monday, March 31, 2025
TIME: 10:02 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
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415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

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

<u>HB 3, HD2, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR1131)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU. Extends the deadline for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to submit the North Shore Beach Management Plan to the Governor and Legislature. Extends the appropriation lapse date to 6/30/2026. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	HRE, WAM
<u>HB 134, HD1, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR1127)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Requires the Chief Election Officer to provide a system for the electronic filing of nomination papers. Requires the system for electronic filing of nomination papers be at no additional cost to the filer. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/3000. (SD1)	JDC, WAM
<u>HB 177, HD1, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR1304)</u> <u>Status &</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION CARDS. Makes the issuance or renewal of a civil identification card free of charge. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD1)	TCA, WAM

HB 214, HD1, SD1

[\(SSCR1170\)](#)

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RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of benefits under the System or the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund if the retirant is employed as a law enforcement officer stationed at a public school as a resource officer or investigator identified by the Department of Law Enforcement or the Department of the Attorney General, respectively, as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position, 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 7/1/2050. (SD1)

LBT, WAM

HB 237, HD1, SD1

[\(SSCR1083\)](#)

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

Appropriates funds for the Family Health Services Division of the Department of Health to establish and oversee peer-to-peer support programs for children from birth to age five and their families, including the establishment of program specialist positions. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

HHS, WAM

HB 441, HD2, SD1

[\(SSCR1276\)](#)

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RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES.

Beginning 1/1/2026, increases the cigarette tax from sixteen cents to eighteen cents and amends the disposition of cigarette tax revenues by allocating the increase in the cigarette tax amount for debt reduction for the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

HHS/HRE, WAM

HB 448, HD1

[\(SSCR1087\)](#)

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RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY ENABLEMENT.

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to assist small businesses, including those related to the tourism sector, with technology enablement. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDT, WAM

HB 648, HD1, SD1

[\(SSCR1194\)](#)

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Testimony](#)

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. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)

JDC, WAM

HB 667, HD1

[\(SSCR1302\)](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Requires the Department of Transportation or appropriate county department when disposing of a deceased cat or dog from a public roadway to scan the animal for a microchip, record certain information, and report that information to the appropriate county animal services or animal service contractors. Requires certain county agencies to collaborate with the Department of Transportation in utilizing the Department's microchip scanners. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

TCA, WAM

HB 713, HD1, SD1 (SSCR1146) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO A RATE STUDY FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES. Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to conduct a rate study for Medicaid home health services in Hawaii. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	HHS, WAM
HB 727, HD1, SD1 (SSCR1240) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE WOMEN'S COURT. Makes the Women's Court Pilot Program in the First Circuit permanent. Establishes a temporary three-year Women's Court Pilot Program within the Kona division of the Third Circuit. Requires reports. Establishes temporary positions. Appropriates funds. Sunsets 6/30/2028. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)	JDC, WAM
HB 735, HD2, SD1 (SSCR1164) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO WASTEWATER. Allows an individual wastewater system to serve up to five bedrooms, regardless of the number of dwellings, dwelling units, or accessory units, whether attached or detached, with certain exclusions. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	HHS/AEN, WAM
HB 740, HD2, SD1 (SSCR1179) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HOUSING. Establishes the Accessory Dwelling Unit Financing and Deed Restriction Program to allocate funds to the counties for the purchase of equity in an accessory dwelling unit by the State. Specifies eligible homeowners or homebuyers for the Program to finance construction costs, development costs, and non-reoccurring closing costs associated with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit and purchase deed restrictions on the property. Sunsets 1/1/2031. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HOU, WAM
HB 806, HD1, SD1 (SSCR1267) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO FIREWORKS. Appropriates funds for the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct sting operations on Oahu to enforce fireworks ordinances or laws. (SD1)	PSM/JDC, WAM
HB 1020, HD1, SD1 (SSCR1119) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO A PROGRAM TO CHARACTERIZE CARBON SEQUESTRATION POTENTIAL AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES STATEWIDE. Establishes a Carbon Sequestration and Underground Water Resource Characterization Program via slim hole bores and requires a related statewide environmental assessment. Requires a report to the Legislature. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)	EIG/AEN, WAM
HB 1345, HD1, SD1 (SSCR1203) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION. Authorizes the Department of Education to subsidize all tuition and mandatory fees for a resident student enrolled in a four-year college campus of the University of Hawaii System with an education program or that offers an education degree for the semester or term that the student enrolls in a State-Approved Teacher Education Program under certain conditions. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	HRE, WAM

HB 1365, HD2, SD1

(SSCR1244)

Status &
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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for a Non-Potable Water Wells Pilot Program to prepare an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment to drill non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa Agricultural Park and Panaewa farm lots. Requires the Department of Agriculture to consult and coordinate with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on the location and distribution of water from non-potable water wells before and after the completion of an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment to drill non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa Agricultural Park and Panaewa farm lots. Requires any non-potable water well or improvement on individual parcels at Panaewa Agricultural Park and Panaewa farm lots to revert to the State upon termination of upon the expiration date of the lease. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

AEN/WTL, WAM

HB 1391, HD1, SD1

(SSCR1196)

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RELATING TO TRADE.
Establishes the Hawaii-Ireland Trade Commission within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for administrative purposes. Requires annual reports to the Legislature and Governor. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

EDT/TCA, WAM

HB 1462, HD1, SD1

(SSCR1148)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES.
Expands the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to include at least two sites on the island of Oahu, including one program in an area with a disproportionate number of individuals with mental health conditions, substance use disorders, or homelessness. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

HHS, WAM

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Chair