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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 10, 2025  
TIME: 9:35 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

**SB 179**

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RELATING TO REMEDIES.

Clarifies the applicability of the statute of repose for actions arising from construction defects. Clarifies the required contents of a notice of claim of construction defect served on a contractor. Amends the process and time frame for a claimant to accept a contractor's offer to settle or inspect and authorize the contractor to proceed with repairs. Limits the amount a claimant can recover if the claimant rejects a contractor's reasonable proposal for inspection or a reasonable offer to remedy. Clarifies the consequences of rejecting an offer of settlement.

CPN, JDC

**SB 416**

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RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE.

Prohibits rental agreements from prohibiting tenants from keeping pet animals in dwelling units, subject to certain conditions.

CPN, JDC

<a href="#"><u>SB 593</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDERS. Defines a "dog breeder" as any person who owns, possesses, controls, or otherwise has charge or custody of more than ten dogs over the age of twelve months with intact sexual organs, and who sells, barter, or otherwise transfers more than three litters or more than twenty-five dogs per calendar year. Requires dog breeders to meet minimum standards of care and not place certain types of dogs in the same enclosure to ensure the proper treatment and care of dogs and the dogs' offspring. Prohibits any person from owning or having custody of more than thirty dogs over one year with intact sexual organs. Requires dog breeders to maintain specific written records for each dog for a specified period. Authorizes each county to assess, implement, and enforce its own licensing system. Establishes civil and criminal penalties for violations.	CPN, JDC/WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 641</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO ALCOHOL. Defines "low alcohol by volume spirits beverage". Establishes a tax on low alcohol by volume spirits beverages at a rate of \$0.85 per wine gallon.	CPN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 1048</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC. Amends Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, to clarify standards and safeguards in online crowdfunding. Takes effect 7/1/2026.	CPN, JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 1213</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE OF PROCESS. Allows businesses in the State to designate an email address to accept service of process in lieu of continuously maintaining a registered agent in the State.	CPN, JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 1563</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Establishes rate transparency requirements for insurance companies operating in the State. Establishes and appropriates moneys for an Office of Insurance Consumer Affairs within the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer affairs to provide oversight, information, and consumer advocacy.	CPN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 1648</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	<del>RELATING TO POWER OUTAGES. Establishes requirements for compensation to utility customers following a power outage.</del>	CPN, JDC <b>[Measure deleted on 02-06-25]</b>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair