

THE SENATE
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2025
TIME: 1:10 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: EDT

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A G E N D A

SB 1536

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.
Repeals exemptions of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from the State's Employees' Retirement System.

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SB 1571

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RELATING TO TOURISM.
Exempts all positions within the Hawaii Tourism Authority from the state civil service law. Provides that the powers described in section 201B-3, HRS, shall be granted to the Hawaii Tourism Authority except as otherwise provided by law. Amends the definition of "convention center facility" for purposes of chapter 201B, HRS. Amends the eligibility requirements to serve on the Hawaii Tourism Authority board of directors.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair

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