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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 21, 2025  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #1

[HB 640, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR651\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE.  
Requires the Office of the Ombudsman to publish an annual report on its website that identifies the number and nature of complaints that it receives regarding the Child Welfare Services Branch of the Department of Human Services. Requires the Child Welfare Services Branch to provide notification to certain parties that complaints can also be filed with the Office of the Ombudsman. (HD2)

LMG, HSH, FIN

[HB 619, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR580\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.  
Requires the Board of Education to adopt and enact a policy by the 2026-2027 school year directing Department of Education public schools to incorporate financial literacy education in the school's curriculum. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDN, FIN



<a href="#">HB 1169, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR308)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND.</p> <p>Establishes the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii system. Repeals the Conference Center Revolving Fund, University of Hawaii at Hilo; and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund. Lapses all appropriations and encumbrances of the Conference Center Revolving Fund, University of Hawaii at Hilo; and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund to the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Appropriates funds out of the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 548, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR440)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA.</p> <p>Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 542, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR408)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROMISE PROGRAM.</p> <p>Expands the Hawaii promise program to provide scholarships for the unmet needs of qualified students at any four-year university of Hawaii campus who meet certain criteria. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1345, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR437)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION.</p> <p>Requires the Board of Regents to grant a waiver on all tuition and mandatory fees to 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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1170, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR404)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE.</p> <p>Requires the University of Hawaii to grant the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus to individuals who have graduated from a Hawaii high school and are enrolling in an undergraduate degree program, under certain conditions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 442, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR439)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the UH system for various nursing programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>



<a href="#">HB 718, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR310)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine for faculty positions in the fields of cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health biostatistics, and an environmental health and safety officer staff position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1320, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR184)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.</p> <p>Requires the University of Hawaii system to collect, analyze, and publicly report certain graduate outcome data. Requires and appropriates funds for the development and maintenance of a graduate outcomes dashboard. Appropriates funds for positions within the University of Hawaii's Office of the Vice President of Academic Strategy. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1171, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR403)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING.</p> <p>Allows the Board of Regents to use funds in the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund for student aid in direct response to an emergency or disaster, as declared by the Governor. Requires a report. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 546, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR336)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.</p> <p>Establishes and appropriates funds to establish the aloha intelligence institute within the university of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial intelligence initiatives statewide. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, ECD, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 989, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR533)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO PLANS.</p> <p>Removes outdated requirements for plans filed with the registrar's office. Updates the permissible drawing scales used in plans. Clarifies statutory fees are pursuant to rules adopted by the Department of Accounting and General Services. Authorizes the Department of Accounting and General Services to approve the format of plans. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>LAB, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 477, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR539)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.</p> <p>Repeals the requirement to post work availability online. Amends the qualifications for unemployed individuals who are able to receive certain unemployment benefits. Beginning 4/1/2027, permits electronic notification of determinations or redeterminations of unemployment claims. Removes language that limited an individual's ability to change a previously elected withholding status only once during a benefit year. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>LAB, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 202, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR476)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND.</p> <p>Amends the definition of "adequate reserve fund" for calendar years 2026 and thereafter. Effective 1/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>LAB, FIN</p>



<a href="#"><u>HB 430, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR472)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	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. 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 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 864, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR752)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Allows newly graduated high school students to be eligible for workers' compensation coverage during the summer following their high school graduation while participating in Department of Education-sponsored work-based learning programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 480, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR525)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Authorizes an attending physician to request a functional capacity exam and refer an injured employee for the exam without first obtaining permission from the employee's employer. Allows licensed occupational and physical therapists to be deemed qualified to perform functional capacity exams. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, CPC, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 1152, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR538)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION. Permanently exempts the software developer supervisor in the Department of Taxation and the data privacy officer and tax business analysts in the Office of the Director of taxation from civil service. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 159, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR481)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. Clarifies that the civil service exemption for personal service contracts for building, custodial, and grounds maintenance services with qualified community rehabilitation programs shall not cost more than \$850,000 in the aggregate per private person or entity, regardless of the number of contracts or qualified community rehabilitation program utilized for the personal service. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 164, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR478)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS TO THE STATE. Requires disbursing officers to notify employees within sixty days of making a determination that an indebtedness has occurred to the government resulting from salary or wage overpayment. Amends the amount that a disbursing officer may deduct from an employee's salary, wage, or compensation based on the employee's gross income. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 1424, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR658)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS. Prohibits the transfer of funds appropriated for positions to operating expenses, and vice versa, except to fulfill the Legislature's purpose for which the funds were appropriated. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita  
Chair

