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Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
TIME: 3:10 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A G E N D A

SB 1488

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RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE
CENTER REVOLVING FUND.

HRE, WAM

Establishes the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund and accounts under the 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. Transfers 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.

SB 636

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RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

HRE, WAM

Appropriates funds for one retention coordinator position, one internship coordinator position, and student enrollment management initiatives at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

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RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT
TUITION FEE.

HRE, WAM

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.

<p>SB 1490 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING. Amends the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund by allowing the Board of Regents to dedicate funding for student aid in direct response to an emergency or disaster, as declared by the governor.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1559 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO DUNE RESTORATION. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program for dune restoration at Hanakao Beach Park.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1585 Status & Testimony</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 federal funds.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1502 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds for the establishment of faculty positions, student programs, and facilities in the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of Hawaii West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the State's economy.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1604 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the development of faculty, staff, teacher, and workforce housing at the Kauai Community College.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1624 Status & Testimony</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 reports to the Legislature.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1530 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Requires the Board of Regents or the President of the University of Hawaii to allocate general funds appropriated to the University of Hawaii to University of Hawaii program IDs in accordance with performance-based outcomes relating to student achievement and degree attainment. Requires the President to submit reports to the Legislature. Requires the President to propose at least three efficiency measures to the Director of Finance to produce a more effective budget.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1487 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS. Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for up to \$800,000,000 for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects.</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair