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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2025
TIME: 10:00a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 960, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR943\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to improve Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program rates, including establishing additional positions. Effective 7/1/2027. (SD1)

HSH, FIN

[SB 961, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR977\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
Requires the Department of Human Services to adjust the minimum certification periods for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits households, participate in the Elderly Simplified Application Project, and report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2027. (SD1)

HSH, FIN



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| SB 1419, SD1 (SSCR947) Status | RELATING TO ACT 253, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2023. Updates the name of the Neighbor Islands Blind and Visually Impaired Service Pilot Program established by Act 253, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, by replacing the term "visually impaired" with the term "low vision" and clarifies the pilot program's implementation timeframes. Sunsets 6/30/2029. (SD1) | HSH, FIN |
| SB 1496, SD1 (SSCR1041) Status | RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS. Establishes that it is an unlawful discriminatory practice for places of public accommodation to deny a person with a disability full and equal enjoyment of information related to their services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations using information and communication technology intended for use by the general public as applicants, participants, customers, clients, or visitors. Establishes exceptions. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1) | HSH, JHA |
| SB 1610, SD2 (SSCR833) Status | RELATING TO OHANA ZONES. Establishes the Ohana Zones Program as a program within the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions. Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to exempt ohana zones projects from general excise taxes. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2050. Sunsets 6/30/2026. (SD2) | HSH, FIN |
| SB 298, SD1 (SSCR938) Status | RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Appropriates funds to be expended by the Department of Human Services to increase funding for Medicaid in-home services. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1) | HSH, FIN |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Lisa Marten
Chair

