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[COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS](#)

Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Chair
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2025
TIME: 1:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 1408 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT. Confirms that Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, shall take effect on either the date of the Secretary of the Interior's notification letter to the Congressional Committee Chairpersons that this Act meets none of the criteria in title 43 Code of Federal Regulations section 48.20, or on the date that the United States Congress approval becomes law.	HWN, JDC
SB 1553 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to purchase a parcel of land identified as tax map key: (1) 9-1-013-025.	HWN, WAM
SB 1653 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED. Increases the limit of the State's liability from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000 for moneys borrowed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands or loans made to lessees that are guaranteed by the Department.	HWN, WAM
SB 1656 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO PUMPED STORAGE HYDROPOWER. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to finance the planning, designing, and construction of a water pump storage hydroelectric facility in the Kohala Mountains on Hawaii Island.	HWN, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Herbert Richards
Chair