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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

[COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS](#)

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2025
TIME: 1:10 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SCR 92 / SR 75](#)

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REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT FORUMS TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

HWN

[SCR 160](#)

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REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ASSESS WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL OR MATERIAL BREACH OF GENERAL LEASE NO. 231 EXECUTED BY AND BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

HWN

[SCR 161 / SR 130](#)

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REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN BURIAL SITE MANAGEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 6E, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FROM THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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[SCR 167 / SR 136](#)

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REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO ASSESS ITS READINESS AND ABILITY TO ASSUME STEWARDSHIP OF THE SACRED HAWAIIAN GROUNDS OF MAUNA ALA.

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[SCR 168 / SR 137](#)

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A WATER ACCESS PILOT PROJECT DEMONSTRATING THE KOHALA REGION'S CAPACITY FOR A POTABLE WATER SYSTEM.

HWN

[SR 38](#)

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SUPPORTING THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKING GROUP'S REQUEST FOR RESOURCES AND TIMELINE EXTENSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Herbert M. Richards, III
Chair