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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025  
TIME: 9:15 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">SB 94</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS. Increases the mandatory minimum jail sentence for a first conviction of knowingly or intentionally violating a temporary restraining order from forty-eight to seventy-two hours. Requires mandatory mental health counseling for a first conviction of knowingly or intentionally violating a temporary restraining order.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#">SB 115</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ATTACHMENT AND EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY. Increases the real property exemption amount for attachment or execution.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#">SB 117</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO DEFAMATION. Protects individuals who make claims of sexual misconduct from defamation lawsuits unless the claims were proven to be made with malice.	JDC
<a href="#">SB 121</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE SENATE MORE TIME TO CONFIRM JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS. Proposes an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to extend the amount of time allowed the Senate to consider and act on the appointments of justices and judges from thirty to sixty days for appointments made between April 1 and December 31 when the Senate is not in Regular Session or is about to adjourn the Regular Session.	JDC, WAM

<a href="#"><b>SB 124</b></a>	<p>PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4 AND 6, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING REAPPORTIONMENT.</p> <p>Proposes a constitutional amendment to specify that reapportionment shall be based on the resident population, as counted in the most recent decennial United States census for the respective reapportionment year, rather than the permanent resident population.</p>	JDC, WAM
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<a href="#"><b>SB 175</b></a>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.</p> <p>Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age.</p>	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>		
<a href="#"><b>SB 173</b></a>	<p>RELATING TO CHILD CARE.</p> <p>Requires the Judiciary to establish a three-year pilot program to provide free child care services to minor children of parties and witnesses who are attending court hearings in the first circuit. Requires the Judiciary to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.</p>	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>		
<a href="#"><b>SB 261</b></a>	<p>RELATING TO JURY DUTY.</p> <p>Increases the amount each juror or prospective juror is paid for each day of actual attendance at court. Appropriates moneys.</p>	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>		
<a href="#"><b>SB 262</b></a>	<p>RELATING TO PROSPECTIVE JURORS.</p> <p>Authorizes the Judiciary to determine the format of the juror qualification form and the means of its delivery and return. Removes the requirement that the form be mailed.</p>	JDC
<a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>		
<a href="#"><b>SB 263</b></a>	<p>RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL.</p> <p>Increases the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel in criminal proceedings. Appropriates moneys.</p>	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>		
<a href="#"><b>SB 264</b></a>	<p>RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS.</p> <p>Establishes the amount of compensation for private-sector examiners who evaluate a criminal defendant's penal responsibility or fitness to proceed in a legal case. Appropriates moneys.</p>	JDC, WAM
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<a href="#"><b>SB 265</b></a>	<p>RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION.</p> <p>Increases the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem in family court proceedings.</p>	JDC, WAM
<a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>		
<a href="#"><b>SB 266</b></a>	<p>RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES.</p> <p>Establishes 1 additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit.</p>	JDC, WAM
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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads  
Chair