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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 7, 2025
TIME: 2:05 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 806, HD1 (HSCR130) Status	RELATING TO FIREWORKS. Appropriates funds for the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct sting operations on Oahu to enforce fireworks ordinances or laws. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, JHA, FIN
HB 438, HD1 (HSCR122) Status	RELATING TO DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS. Establishes the Due Process in Immigration Proceedings Program within the Judiciary to provide legal representation to individuals in immigration-related proceedings in immigration court. Appropriates funds. (HD1)	ECD, JHA, FIN
HB 386 Status	RELATING TO DANGEROUS DRUGS. Conforms fentanyl to the possession offense thresholds for methamphetamine, heroin, morphine, and cocaine.	JHA
HB 388 Status	RELATING TO TORTURE. Defines and prohibits the offense of torture.	JHA



<u>HB 393</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAREER CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.</p> <p>Appropriates moneys to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the career criminal prosecution unit.</p>	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 394</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.</p> <p>Appropriates moneys as a grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the Victim Witness Assistance Program.</p>	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 538</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>RELATING TO SAFE ENTRYWAYS.</p> <p>Prohibit individuals from residing in a doorway or surrounding area of certain places. Gives county police departments primary authority to enforce the prohibition.</p>	JHA
<u>HB 103</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>RELATING TO SENTENCING.</p> <p>Changes the age for which individuals are eligible for life without parole sentences from eighteen years of age or older to twenty-one years of age or older.</p>	JHA
<u>HB 610</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>RELATING TO COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS.</p> <p>Establishes and appropriates money for a Cold Case Investigation Unit within the Department of the Attorney General. Prioritizes unsolved cases involving an Indigenous victim.</p>	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 147</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>RELATING TO ATTACHMENT AND EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY.</p> <p>Increases the real property exemption amount for attachment or execution.</p>	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 127</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE.</p> <p>Requires the court to enter on the record its written findings regarding the necessity of the conditions imposed on a defendant's release. Requires bail to be set in an amount that the defendant can afford based on certain factors.</p>	JHA
<u>HB 128</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.</p> <p>Establishes factors under which officers may, without warrant, arrest and detain persons for petty misdemeanors and violations. Requires officers to record the factors that justified the warrantless arrest.</p>	JHA
<u>HB 560</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the judiciary for services contracted with community-based organizations that deliver essential services, streamline judicial processes, and support the judiciary's capacity to effectively meet the needs of vulnerable households.</p>	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1247</u> <u>Status</u>	<p>RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.</p> <p>Provides immediate judicial review of orders fixing minimum terms of imprisonment.</p>	JHA, FIN



[HB 892](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO GEOGRAPHICAL RESTRICTIONS.
Establishes limitations on geographical restrictions provided as a
condition of probation.

JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair

