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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
TIME:      2:00 p.m.  
PLACE:     VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
            Conference Room 325  
            State Capitol  
            415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 176, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR811\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RECOUNTS.  
Allows for ballots designated by the county clerks for inclusion to be included in the initial tabulation. Prohibits ballots that the county clerks initially determine are deficient or need additional time to be corrected or verified from being included in the initial tabulation. Increases the minimum threshold required to trigger an automatic recount. (SD1)

JHA

[SB 311, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR713\)](#)  
[Status](#)

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.  
Proposes an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to provide that freedom of speech protected under the Hawaii State Constitution does not include the expenditure of money to influence elections. (SD1)

JHA, FIN



<a href="#">SB 780</a> <a href="#">(SSCR696)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO ELECTIONS.</p> <p>Specifies that election ballots issued by the Chief Election Officer or county clerk shall exclude any candidate who is disqualified by a constitutional or statutory provision. Provides for a process for challenging an inclusion or exclusion of a candidate from a ballot. Includes a candidate's disqualification as grounds for an election contest complaint. Specifies that electors of presidential and vice presidential candidates shall not be individuals who are disqualified by a constitutional or statutory provision.</p>	JHA
<a href="#">SB 1030, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR995)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO ELECTIONS.</p> <p>Specifies that the practice of election fraud intimidation includes carrying any unconcealed firearm or dangerous instrument at or within two hundred feet of a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place. (SD2)</p>	JHA
<a href="#">SB 1225</a> <a href="#">(SSCR946)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY THAT THE STANDARD FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IS A MAJORITY OF ALL THE VOTES TALLIED UPON THE QUESTION.</p> <p>Proposes to amend article XVII, section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution regarding the standard for ratification of a constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature, to require that a majority of all the votes tallied upon the question be a "yes" vote, and not include blank, spoiled, and over votes in determining whether a majority was reached.</p>	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 1515, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR697)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO ELECTIONS.</p> <p>Allows an on-call circuit judge in the relevant circuit to perform the duties of the Board of Registration for purposes of hearing elections disputes if the Board of Registration lacks full membership. Requires the Judiciary to designate one or more on-call circuit court judges in each circuit to perform the duties of the Board of Registration for purposes of hearing elections disputes. (SD1)</p>	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 1202</a> <a href="#">(SSCR958)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.</p> <p>Allows campaign funds to be used for a candidate's child care and vital household dependent care costs under certain conditions.</p>	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 345, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR855)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING.</p> <p>Raises the cap on the maximum amount of matching funds available to candidates for the Hawaii Partial Public Financing Program. Increases the cap on the amount of expenditures a candidate can make in the Program. Increases the matching fund ratio from \$1 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions raised by a candidate to \$2 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions raised in excess of the minimum qualifying contributions that a candidate must raise to participate in the Program. Appropriates funds. Effective 4/23/2017. (SD1)</p>	JHA, FIN



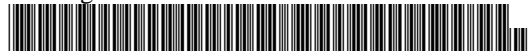
<a href="#">SB 1032, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR1042)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Prohibits foreign entities and foreign-influenced business entities from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations for election purposes. Allows every business entity that contributes or expends funds in a state election to certify that the entity is not and will not be a foreign corporation or foreign-influenced business entity if the entity intends to make contributions or expenditures within an election cycle. Specifies that if the conditions that determine whether a business entity qualifies as a foreign-influenced business entity are held unconstitutional by a final judgment, including all appeals, the Campaign Spending Commission is required to establish revised conditions that are constitutional. Requires noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures to obtain a statement of certification from each top contributor required to be listed in an advertisement. (SD2)	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 51, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR850)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING FOR CANDIDATES TO ELECTED OFFICE. Establishes a comprehensive system of public financing for all candidates seeking election to state and county public offices in the State of Hawaii, to begin with the 2028 general election year. Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 289</a> <a href="#">(SSCR712)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO ETHICS ADMINISTRATIVE FINES. Establishes uniform provisions for the assessment of administrative penalties under the State Ethics Code and Lobbyist Law.	JHA
<a href="#">SB 1508, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR716)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS. Amends or repeals various provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes or the Session Laws of Hawaii for the purposes of correcting errors and references, clarifying language, or deleting obsolete or unnecessary provisions. (SD1)	JHA
<a href="#">SB 1337, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR876)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY. Clarifies requirements to establish a quorum to do business and validate acts of the Stadium Authority. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. David A. Tarnas  
Chair

