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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, January 27, 2025  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

**SB 224**

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RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION.

Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in collaboration with various agencies and upon request of the inmates, to assist inmates in obtaining the inmates' civil identification card, birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society, as soon as practicable. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to initiate the process of obtaining identifying documents for inmates released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs, by providing the forms necessary for the inmate to obtain civil identification cards and other identifying documents to the inmate as soon as practicable.

PSM, JDC/WAM

**SB 474**

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RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS.

Requires clinical psychologists employed by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to obtain licensure within 10 years from the date of employment. Sunsets on 7/1/2035.

PSM, CPN

**SB 353**

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RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Amends chapter 127A, HRS, to clarify State and local authority. Prohibits the Governor or Mayor from suspending requests for public records or vital specifics during a state of emergency. Adds definition of the term "severe warning". Allows the Legislature and city councils to terminate a state of emergency, in whole or in part, issued by the Governor or Mayor, respectively.

PSM, JDC

**SB 259**

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RELATING TO RECORDKEEPING.

PSM, CPN

Establishes recordkeeping requirements for secondhand dealers, requiring records to be retained for 2 years from the date of sale. Amends and standardizes recordkeeping requirements for pawnbrokers, requiring records to be retained for 2 years from the date of maturity.

**SB 307**

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Testimony**

RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.

PSM, JDC

Establishes the right of a person to record law enforcement activities. Establishes a private right of action for any violation of the right to record law enforcement activities.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair