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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: Wednesday, January 29, 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 603 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO VETERANS. Establishes provisions governing any person who receives compensation for advising, assisting, or consulting another person with veterans benefits.	PSM, CPN/JDC
SB 608 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO VETERANS RIGHTS AND BENEFITS. Regulates persons receiving compensation for providing advice or assistance regarding veterans benefits.	PSM, CPN/JDC
SB 601 Status & Testimony	RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. Requires law enforcement to post notice that a warranted or warrantless search has been conducted on a property. Requires a law enforcement officer to secure any entrance used by an officer in the search.	PSM, JDC
SB 871 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO ARSON. Designates mandatory minimum periods of imprisonment for individuals with previous arson convictions. Requires additional penalties for arson crimes that endanger vulnerable areas. Requires restitution for victims of arson who experienced property damage.	PSM, JDC
SB 1130 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Exempts from the state general excise tax the sales and gross proceeds from sales of construction rebuilding materials for residential and commercial properties in federally declared disaster areas. Applies only to rebuilding materials purchased between 07/1/2025, and 12/31/2028.	PSM, WAM

Restricts the use of solitary confinement in state-operated and state-contracted correctional facilities, with certain specified exceptions. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop written policies and procedures regarding solitary confinement by 7/1/2026. Requires the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to review certain housing placements. Requires the Department to develop policies and procedures to review committed persons placed in solitary confinement and develop a plan for committed persons currently in solitary confinement by 4/1/2026. Requires a report to the Legislature and Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Effective 7/1/2026.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante
Chair

