

THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: EDT

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A G E N D A

SB 817

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RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE OFFICES.
Requires, and appropriates funds for, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish an out-of-state office in the Philippines.

EDT/TCA, WAM

SB 1578

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RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
Establishes the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Requires the Office of International Affairs to provide support to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Allows the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish out-of-state offices and facilities to support sister-state and other partnerships that promote and enrich the people, cultures, environments, and economies of the State and its international partners, generate revenue for the State, and buy property. Appropriates funds.

TCA/EDT, WAM

SB 1639

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RELATING TO HAWAII BEACH DAY.
Establishes Hawaii Beach Day. Requires the Hawaii Tourism Authority, in collaboration with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, to organize and support events and activities to celebrate and observe Hawaii Beach Day. Appropriates funds.

TCA/EDT, WAM

Transfers the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission from the Department of Accounting and General Services to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Transfers the authority held by the Comptroller over the Works of Art Special Fund to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Lynn DeCoite
Chair

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