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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2026
TIME: 2:00p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB1967 HD1, HB2139 HD1, HB2383 HD1**

[HB 2340](#)
[Status](#)

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

HED, FIN

Makes an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2025–2026 to the University of Hawaii to expand and sustain the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and Maui Health Registry.

[HB 1605, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR8-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE.

AGR, HED, FIN

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience for the development of its human and community resilience institute. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)



[HB 1751, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
Authorizes the Adjutant General to expand the Hawaii National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program to include graduate degrees at the University of Hawaii for qualified personnel in the Hawaii National Guard. Effective 1/1/3000. (HD1)

PBS, HED, FIN

[HB 1967, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR144-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PERMITTING.
Implements certain recommendations of the SPEED Task Force. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop a permitting workforce pipeline in partnership with the University of Hawaii and community colleges and coordinate with state and county permitting agencies on certain tasks related to classification levels, salary and benefits, hiring, and responsibilities of employees. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

ECD, HED, FIN

[HB 2139, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR170-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.
Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to conduct a study on effective treatment methods to reduce populations of the Queensland Longhorn Beetle. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, HED, FIN

[HB 2383, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR182-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE WORKFORCE PELL GRANT PROGRAM.
Establishes a statewide framework for the implementation of the federal Workforce Pell Grant Program to provide financial aid for certain short-term workforce education and training programs. Establishes a Workforce Pell Grant Program Approval Committee within the Workforce Development Council. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

LAB, HED, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

