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Preface

This edition of the *2015 Highlights* has been prepared for the House majority caucus and comprises an overview of the accomplishments of the Legislature and the House of Representatives during the Regular Session of 2015.

Organized alphabetically by House standing committee, the *2015 Highlights* includes, for each committee:

- A Measures Passed List which includes all measures that passed the Legislature and all House Resolutions that passed the House; and
- Digests of the more significant measures that passed the Legislature or the House.

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AGRICULTURE

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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House Bills

<u>HB482 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
<u>HB573 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO HAWAII GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES.
<u>HB850 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE.
<u>HB1273 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.
<u>HB1332 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

Senate Bills

<u>SB376 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO A FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.
<u>SB521 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO WAIMEA NUI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
<u>SB1060 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR187 HD1 SD1</u>	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CLARIFY AND COORDINATE AGRICULTURAL-BASED COMMERCIAL SUPPORT OF BONA-FIDE FARMING OPERATIONS ACROSS THE STATE.
<u>HCR212</u>	REQUESTING FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TO CONSULT WITH HAWAII SMALL SCALE FARMERS, HAWAII SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS, AND AFFECTED PARTIES ON THE OFFSETTING OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

HR35 HD1

REQUESTING A PROGRESS REPORT AND PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL QUARANTINE STATION.

HR123 HD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CLARIFY AND COORDINATE AGRICULTURAL-BASED COMMERCE SUPPORT OF BONA-FIDE FARMING OPERATIONS ACROSS THE STATE.

Biosecurity Loan Program; Agricultural Loans. Assists the livestock industry by establishing a low interest Biosecurity Loan program within the Department of Agriculture (Department) for construction, improvements, equipment, and other costs related to a biosecurity project. This measure also updates the eligibility of the loan classes for loans that the Department insures, guarantees, or participates in, and direct loans from the Department. SB1060 SD2 HD1 CD1

Hawaii Good Agricultural Practices Program. Works to achieve the State's goals of food security, sustainability, and self-sufficiency by establishing and appropriating \$300,000 for a Hawaii Good Agricultural Practices Program within the Department of Agriculture to develop science- and risk-based good agricultural practices that reasonably reduce the potential for on-farm food-borne illness, along with corresponding education and compliance certification programs. HB573 SD1 CD1

Hydroelectric Energy-generating Facilities; Agricultural Land. Supports the State's goals of energy security, energy independence, and food security by permitting the development of hydroelectric facilities in agricultural districts with a productivity rating of class A or B, provided that the facility and its appurtenances:

- (1) Do not generate more than 500 kilowatts;
- (2) Comply with the State Water Code;
- (3) Are accessory to agricultural activities; and
- (4) Do not adversely impact the use of agricultural land or the availability of surface or groundwater for all parcels that are served by the water sources for the hydroelectric facilities. HB1273 HD2 SD2 CD1

Coffee Berry Borer; Program Manager; Pesticide Subsidy Program. Facilitates the Department of Agriculture's program to control the destructive coffee berry borer by establishing and funding a full-time, temporary Pesticide Subsidy Program Manager position with a maximum salary of \$50,000 per year to manage and facilitate the Pesticide Subsidy Program, which provide grants to coffee farmers to offset pesticide costs. HB482 HD2 SD1 CD1

Cooperative Extension Service; Staff Funding. Addresses the budgetary shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' Cooperative Extension Service by appropriating \$350,000 for four critical positions, one for each county. This will enable the Cooperative Extension Service to improve Hawaii's agricultural sustainability through educational programs statewide. HB850 HD1 SD2 CD1

Peekauai Ditch Irrigation System. Ensures that agricultural crops on the island of Kauai receive a steady and dependable supply of water and are better protected from the effects of drought by appropriating \$10,000 to maintain and improve the Peekauai Ditch Irrigation System. HB1332 HD1 SD1 CD1

Farm to School Program. Improves the health of children and the agricultural economy through the support of school gardens, health and nutrition education, agriculture, and the procurement of locally grown food for school meals and snacks by:

- (1) Establishing a Farm to School Program in the Department of Agriculture; and

- (2) Appropriating funds for a Farm to School Coordinator position to oversee the Farm to School Program. SB376 SD2 HD1 CD1

Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation; Special Purpose Revenue Bonds. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds in an amount up to \$45,000,000 to assist Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation, a private not-for-profit corporation, with planning, acquisition, and construction of agriculture, renewable energy, and educational facilities. SB521 SD1 HD1 CD1

CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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House Bills

<u>HB252 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS.
<u>HB268 HD2 SD1</u>	RELATING TO DENTISTRY.
<u>HB269</u>	RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY.
<u>HB279 HD2 SD1</u>	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS.
<u>HB770 HD1 SD1</u>	RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR.
<u>HB858 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
<u>HB928</u>	RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE.

Senate Bills

<u>SB14 SD1 HD2</u>	RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE.
<u>SB17 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE SELLER DISCLOSURE.
<u>SB118 SD1 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS.
<u>SB464 SD1 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.
<u>SB756 SD1 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT.
<u>SB1093 SD2 HD1</u>	RELATING TO MORTGAGE SERVICERS.
<u>SB1094 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE.
<u>SB1262 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO THE SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT.

House Concurrent Resolutions

None

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR46 SD2

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE TRADE, VOCATIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

House Resolutions

HR6

REQUESTING REPORTS REGARDING STATE AGENCY ACTION TO ENSURE ACCESS BY RURAL COMMUNITIES TO CELLULAR AND BROADBAND SERVICES.

Dentistry; Summary Suspension. Protects the public by authorizing the Board of Dental Examiners to summarily suspend a license upon a specific determination that the failure to take action may result in an immediate and unreasonable threat to personal safety or of fraud that jeopardizes or endangers the health or safety of patients. HB268 HD2 SD1

Unfair and Deceptive Practices; Free Trial Offers; Automatic Renewals. Increases protections for consumers who purchase products through automatic renewal or continuous service agreements by requiring the seller to disclose in a form that may be retained by a consumer, the terms, conditions, and cancellation procedures and a means for cancelling a contract prior to the expiration of a free trial period or implementation of a material change in contract terms. Requires affirmative consent before charging a consumer for an automatic renewal or continuous service. SB464 SD1 HD2 CD1

Domestic Violence; Early Termination; Residential Rental Agreement. Assists victims of domestic violence by allowing for the early termination of residential rental agreements without penalty in certain cases and with appropriate documentation. HB858 HD2 SD2 CD1

Real Estate Brokers; Salespersons; Real Estate Commission. Allows the Real Estate Commission to take disciplinary action if a real estate broker or salesperson for a seller or purchaser of real estate acts in a manner that prohibits a prospective purchaser or seller from being able to retain a real estate broker or salesperson. HB279 HD2 SD1

Real Estate Investment Trusts; Dividends Paid Deduction; Income Tax; DBEDT Study. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, with the assistance of the Department of Taxation, to study the impact of real estate investment trusts in Hawaii and the possible effects of repealing the dividends paid deduction for such trusts. SB118 SD1 HD2 CD1

Health Insurance; Habilitative Services. Sought to specify that habilitative services, which are an essential covered benefit as required by the Federal Affordable Care Act, include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language therapy, speech and swallowing therapy, applied behavior analysis, medical equipment, orthotics, and prosthetics, that help a person keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. SB1095 SD1 HD1

Check Cashing; Deferred Deposit Agreements; Fees; Annual Percentage Rate. Sought to create standards and authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules for check cashing businesses, including requirements for registration, surety, recordkeeping, examinations, and confidentiality of regulatory records. Prohibits consecutive check-cashing loans within 24 hours of the expiration of a prior loan. Sets new penalties for check cashing businesses that violate the established standards. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. SB737 SD1 HD2

Hawaii County Lava Zone Areas; Property Insurance; Lifting of Moratorium. Helps current and future homeowners who reside in lava zone areas in Hawaii County to obtain and renew property insurance by:

- Limiting the non-renewal of property insurance policies by insurance companies in areas where a state of emergency has been declared due to the threat of lava flow; and
- Lifting any moratorium on issuing new property insurance policies in these same areas that may be imposed by the Hawaii Property Insurance Association. Enacted as Act 32, SLH 2015. SB589 SD2 HD2

Wind Turbines; Buffer Zone; Permit Plan Application. Requires additional Land Use Commission review for permit plan applications for wind turbines with over 100 kilowatt capacity and located within three-quarters of a mile of residential, school, hospital, or business property lines. However, this measure failed to gain Senate approval. [HB1384 HD2](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

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House Bills

<u>HB241 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SEAWATER AIR CONDITIONING PROJECTS ON OAHU.
<u>HB242 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO SEAWATER AIR CONDITIONING.
<u>HB775 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION.
<u>HB1069 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY.
<u>HB1090 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS.
<u>HB1272 HD2 SD2</u>	RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS.
<u>HB1292 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.
<u>HB1343 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

Senate Bills

<u>SB661 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS TEST SITES.
<u>SB868 SD1 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO LIQUOR COMMISSIONS.
<u>SB892 SD2 HD3 CD1</u>	RELATING TO OMNIBUS HAWAI'I RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY.
<u>SB1001 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO MANUFACTURING.
<u>SB1158 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS SPECIAL FUND.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR187 HD1 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CLARIFY AND COORDINATE AGRICULTURAL-BASED COMMERCIAL SUPPORT OF BONA-FIDE FARMING OPERATIONS ACROSS THE STATE.

HCR189 HD1 SD1

REQUESTING THE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS AND OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE THROUGHOUT HAWAII, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

HCR212

REQUESTING FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TO CONSULT WITH HAWAII SMALL SCALE FARMERS, HAWAII SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS, AND AFFECTED PARTIES ON THE OFFSETTING OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

HR16 HD1

URGING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION FOR HAWAII'S FUTURE TO GUIDE AND PREPARE HAWAII FOR REDUCED MILITARY SPENDING.

HR28

COMMEMORATING THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII'S SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

HR82

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION.

HR123 HD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CLARIFY AND COORDINATE AGRICULTURAL-BASED COMMERCE SUPPORT OF BONA-FIDE FARMING OPERATIONS ACROSS THE STATE.

Procurement Code; Past Performance; Task Force. Increases transparency and accountability in public contracts by continuing the work of the Procurement Task Force established pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92, 2013, and requiring the Task Force to identify and propose changes to the State Procurement Code to promote efficiency, economy, effectiveness, and impartiality in procurement of public works construction projects, specifically regarding statewide past performance standards and processes. HB1292 HD2 SD2 CD1

Small Business Innovative Research Awards; Technology. Diversifies Hawaii's economy, secures federal investments, and supports the development of an innovation economy in Hawaii by authorizing the High Technology Development Corporation to provide grants to businesses that receive Federal Small Business Innovation Research Phase II or III awards or contracts and appropriating \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for this purpose. HB1069 HD1 SD2 CD1

Manufacturing; Development Program. Creates a vibrant, sustainable economy and provides for opportunities for growth in the manufacturing industry in Hawaii by establishing a manufacturing development program through which the High Technology Development Corporation may provide grants of up to \$100,000 per recipient per year to manufacturers in the State for the purchase of manufacturing equipment and the provision of related employee training, to improve energy efficiency of manufacturing equipment, and to study or plan the implementation of a new manufacturing facility. This measure also appropriates \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to facilitate the provision of these grants. SB1001 SD2 HD1 CD1

Business Recovery Center; Natural Disaster. Facilitates economic recovery in Hawaii after a natural disaster, particularly for businesses, by appropriating \$328,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to meet the matching requirement for federal funds awarded to establish a Business Recovery Center within the Department of Defense. HB1343 HD1 SD1 CD1

Technology Employment; Covenants or Agreements; Prohibition. Stimulates economic development in Hawaii's technology business sector by prohibiting the use of non-compete agreements or restrictive covenants that forbid post-employment competition for employees of a technology business. HB1090 HD2 SD2 CD1

Hawaii Resilience and Sustainability Strategy; Appropriations. Promotes the State's resilience and sustainability strategy by appropriating funds for statewide broadband infrastructure, energy efficiency and grid operations, and water and sewer infrastructure. Specifically, this measure:

- Appropriates \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Hawaii broadband initiative which explores how a public-private partnership can deliver overall broadband projects through research and development;
- Appropriates \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the State of Hawaii's resilience and sustainability initiative management team to continue its collaborative research efforts in exploring methods to improve energy efficiency and grid operations;
- Appropriates \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the State of Hawaii's resilience and sustainability initiative management team to expedite county water improvement projects and target the water and sewer distribution systems on each island; and

- Authorizes the issuance of \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for the purposes of the Hawaii Resilience and Sustainability Strategy. SB892 SD2 HD3 CD1

International Marketing and Recruitment; Higher Education. Increases the economic benefits realized from international student enrollment at Hawaii's institutions of higher learning by appropriating \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for marketing, travel, and other related expenses necessary to market Hawaii and Hawaii's institutions of higher learning to international students. HB775 HD1 SD1 CD1

Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems; Laser Communications Ground Station Initiative. Sought to stimulate economic growth and continue to develop the State's emerging aerospace sector by appropriating funds, with matching fund requirements, to support a joint National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems engineering assessment and study of the proposal to establish a laser optical communications ground station in Hawaii. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. HB1282 HD1

Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems; Special Fund. Establishes a means by which the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) may receive and expend funds from sources other than the state budget for the operation, maintenance, and management of PISCES projects, facilities, services, and publications and for the design and construction of PISCES facilities and renovation of, or addition to, existing PISCES facilities by establishing the PISCES Special Fund. SB1158 SD1 HD1 CD1

EDUCATION

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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House Bills

<u>HB10 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION.
<u>HB11 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO TEACHERS.
<u>HB820 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.
<u>HB821 HD1 SD1</u>	RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.
<u>HB831 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
<u>HB832 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION.
<u>HB1251 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
<u>HB1412 HD2 SD1</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Senate Bills

<u>SB374 SD2 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS.
<u>SB822 SD1 HD2</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION.
<u>SB831 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION.
<u>SB854 SD2 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LANDS.
<u>SB1098 SD1</u>	RELATING TO LIBRARIES.
<u>SB1345 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR138 HD1</u>	URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXAMINE ALL POSSIBILITIES TO ENABLE STUDENT ATHLETIC TEAMS TO RUN AND TRAIN OFF CAMPUS.
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HCR224 SD1

NAMING THE NEW WAIMANALO ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING IN HONOR OF AL LEWIS.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

HR124

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU AS A SANCTIONED SPORT.

HR157

NAMING THE NEW WAIMANALO ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING IN HONOR OF AL LEWIS.

Public Early Childhood Education. Supports public early childhood education in Hawaii by establishing the Executive Office on Early Learning Public Prekindergarten Program to serve children in the year prior to their eligibility for kindergarten, with priority extended to underserved or at-risk children. [HB820 HD2 SD1 CD1](#)

Department of Education; Student Hours. Assists the Department of Education and the Department's schools in implementing the minimum day and hour requirements for each school year, as established by Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010. Clarifies the timeline for phasing in a 1,080-hour school year by 2016 and clarifies the manner in which hours are calculated. Enacted as Act 21, SLH 2015. [SB822 SD1 HD2](#)

Bullying; Child Safety. Sought to protect youth in Hawaii from bullying by requiring state and county agencies and grantees that serve youth to adopt bullying-prevention policies. Establishes a task force to assist the Governor with bullying-prevention policies. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. [HB819 HD2](#)

Teachers; Incentives. Improves public education in Hawaii by authorizing an additional per year bonus for teachers who maintain current National Board certification under the Teacher National Board Certification Incentive Program and teach at a school in a focus, priority, or Superintendent's Zone, as determined by the Department of Education. Also applies the bonuses retroactively. [HB11 HD2 SD2 CD1](#)

State Public Charter School Commission; Facilities Funding. Provides assistance to public charter schools and early learning programs by, among other things:

- Establishing a framework for public charter schools and early learning programs affiliated with a public charter school to use and occupy vacant state facilities;
- Requiring the Board of Education to include information on facility and project funding in its annual report on public charter schools;
- Requiring the Legislature, starting with fiscal year 2016-2017, to consider appropriations and bond authorizations for public charter school facilities; and
- Establishing a Charter School Facilities Funding Working Group to advise the State Public Charter School Commission on prioritizing general fund appropriations and bond proceeds for public charter schools. [HB1251 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

Department of Education; Multi-track Schools; Transition Plan. Fosters a better learning environment for students by requiring the Department of Education to develop a transition plan to end the use of multi-track schedules in public schools and appropriating \$200,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for this purpose. [SB1345 HD1 CD1](#)

Dual Credit Program; Department of Education; University of Hawaii. Expands opportunities for high school students to earn both high-school and college-level academic credit simultaneously by, among other things, broadening the Dual Credit Program to allow public or home-schooled ninth and tenth graders to participate in the Program and exempting participants in the Program from paying tuition and fees. [SB374 SD2 HD2 CD1](#)

Public School Lands. Ensures that the pilot program for the lease of public school lands supports public education in Hawaii by, among other things, explicitly requiring lessees of such lands to benefit public educational purposes when modifying, constructing, using, and operating facilities on those lands, and authorizing the Department of Education to enter into leaseback agreements that lease back all or a portion of improvements constructed or allow lease or sublease of the property to a third party. SB854 SD2 HD2 CD1

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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House Bills

<u>HB623 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE STANDARDS.
<u>HB1140 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.
<u>HB1286 HD2 SD2</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY.
<u>HB1296 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY.
<u>HB1394 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO WATER RECLAMATION.
<u>HB1471 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.
<u>HB1509 HD3 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY.
<u>HB1513 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY.

Senate Bills

<u>SB349 SD2 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.
<u>SB359 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, ENERGY, AND FOOD SECURITY TAX.
<u>SB717 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ETHANOL.
<u>SB878 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO WASTEWATER.
<u>SB1049 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING.
<u>SB1050 SD2 HD3 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY.
<u>SB1096 SD1 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ON-BILL PROGRAMS.
<u>SB1118 SD1</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR HAZARD EVALUATION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS.

SB1214 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC., MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, AND HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.

SB1316 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR97 HD1

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ASSURE THAT ANY SUBSTANTIAL LAND DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER, OCCURRING BY INJECTION WELL OR OTHER MEANS, IS IN ALL CASES, ADEQUATELY REVIEWED AND PERMITTED.

HCR205

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXAMINE EXISTING AND ALLEGED VIOLATIONS IN THE SOLID WASTE RECYCLING INDUSTRY AND FAIRLY AND EQUALLY ENFORCE APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL COMPANIES.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR57 SD1 HD1

EXPANDING THE TASK FORCE STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF THE JANUARY 2014 FUEL TANK LEAK AT THE RED HILL UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE FACILITY, ESTABLISHED UNDER SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73, H.D. 1, REGULAR SESSION OF 2014, TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-SIX UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE TANKS IN THE STATE OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES MILITARY.

House Resolutions

HR65

ENCOURAGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF REFUSE CONVENIENCE CENTERS AND TRANSFER STATIONS ACCEPTING BULKY ITEMS.

HR78

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO EXTEND THE TASK FORCE STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF THE JANUARY 2014 FUEL TANK LEAK AT THE RED HILL UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE FACILITY.

HR105 HD1

EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF LOCAL OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF ROBUST DISCUSSIONS THAT INCLUDE THE EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVE OWNERSHIP MODELS FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES.

HR141

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXAMINE EXISTING AND ALLEGED VIOLATIONS IN THE SOLID WASTE RECYCLING INDUSTRY AND FAIRLY AND EQUALLY ENFORCE APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL COMPANIES.

HR158 HD2

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN REVIEWING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES BY NEXTERA ENERGY, INC.

Renewable Portfolio Standards; Clean Energy Initiative. Further reduces Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuels and promotes the growth of the State's renewable energy industry by:

- Raising renewable portfolio standards for electric utilities to 30 percent by December 31, 2020; 70 percent by December 31, 2040; and 100 percent by December 31, 2045;
- Including, for purposes of waiving a renewable portfolio standard requirement the inability to acquire sufficient renewable electrical energy to meet the renewable portfolio standard goals beyond 2030 in a manner that is beneficial to Hawaii's economy in relation to comparable fossil fuel resources, as an event or circumstance that is outside an electric utility company's reasonable control; and
- Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to include the impact of renewable portfolio standards, if any, on the energy prices offered by renewable energy developers and the cost of fossil fuel volatility in its renewable portfolio standards study and report to the Legislature. [HB623 HD2 SD2 CD1](#)

Renewable Fuels Production; Tax Credit. Promotes greater energy security for Hawaii by establishing a five-year renewable fuels production tax credit for production of a variety of fuels from renewable feedstock--with a \$3,000,000 aggregate annual cap and a \$3,000,000 per-taxpayer annual ceiling--and repealing the ethanol facility tax credit. [SB349 SD2 HD2 CD1](#)

Community-based Renewable Energy Program. Makes the benefits of renewable energy more accessible to a greater number of Hawaii residents by requiring each electric utility in Hawaii to file a proposed community-based renewable energy tariff or tariffs with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) by October 1, 2015; requiring the PUC to establish a community-based renewable energy tariff or tariffs, if the tariff or tariffs are found to be in the public interest; and allowing any person or entity to own or operate an eligible community-based renewable energy project or projects, as long as compliance with applicable laws are met. [SB1050 SD2 HD3 CD1](#)

Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Preparedness. Preserves public health and addresses the dangerously low balance in the Environmental Response Revolving Fund due to reduced deposits from the tax on petroleum products and increased demand for hazard evaluation and emergency response by providing an emergency appropriation of \$800,000 to the Fund and appropriating the same amount from the Fund for hazard evaluation and emergency response preparedness. Enacted as Act 25, SLH 2015. [SB1118 SD1](#)

Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security. Applies the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax (Barrel Tax) to fossil fuels, other than petroleum products, at a rate of 19 cents per 1,000,000 British thermal units. Removes the sunset date for funding of various funds by the Barrel Tax. Clarifies the purposes for which the Environmental Response Revolving Fund may be used. Transfers from the Environmental Response Revolving Fund into the general fund all monies in excess of \$1,250,000 on June 30 of each fiscal year. Requires the Director of Health to report to the Legislature information regarding the Environmental Response Revolving Fund. [SB359 SD1 HD1 CD1](#)

University of Hawaii; Energy. Took steps to reduce future energy costs for public facilities in Hawaii by directing the University of Hawaii to establish a collective goal of becoming net-zero with respect to energy use, producing as much energy as UH consumes system-wide, by January 1, 2035. [HB1509 HD3 SD2 CD1](#)

Ethanol; Motor Vehicles. Removes the economic burden on Hawaii motorists created by the requirement that gasoline sold in the state include 10 percent ethanol by repealing this requirement. [SB717 SD2 HD1 CD1](#)

Cesspool Upgrade, Conversion, or Connection; Income Tax Credit. Provides a temporary, non-refundable income tax credit of up to \$10,000 per taxpayer--with an aggregate cap of \$5,000,000 for all taxpayers in any taxable year--for the cost of upgrading or converting a qualified cesspool to a septic system or an aerobic treatment unit system, or connecting to a sewer system. HB1140 HD1 SD2 CD1

FINANCE

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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House Bills

<u>HB73 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO STATE BONDS.
<u>HB78</u>	RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS.
<u>HB134 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.
<u>HB318 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.
<u>HB461 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES.
<u>HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
<u>HB707 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS.
<u>HB930</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.
<u>HB1180 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.
<u>HB1465</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION.

Senate Bills

<u>SB92 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION.
<u>SB101 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE BUDGET.
<u>SB103 SD1</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
<u>SB104 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO BUDGETING.
<u>SB105 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE BUDGET.
<u>SB250 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS.
<u>SB253 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO STATE DEBT.
<u>SB254 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE BUDGET.
<u>SB544 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES.

SB555 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO TAX CREDITS.

SB1133 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO CONFORMITY OF THE HAWAII INCOME TAX LAW TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

SB1134

RELATING TO THE ESTATE AND GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAXES.

SB1136 HD1

RELATING TO SECTION 235-55.91, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

SB1212 SD1

RELATING TO AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF HAWAII TAX LAWS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS.

SB1297 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF TAX REVENUES.

SB1299 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF TAX REVENUES.

SB1312 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR29

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO DETERMINE THE COST OF PLACING AN OVERPASS OVER THE H-1 FREEWAY TO EXTEND BETWEEN NUUANU STREAM AND QUEEN EMMA STREET THAT WOULD REDUCE TRAFFIC NOISE POLLUTION AND BE USED AS A PARK OR OTHER COMMUNITY USE PURPOSE.

HCR78 SD1

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCLUDE IN THE 2017-2018 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REQUEST IMPROVEMENTS TO CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER TERMINALS AT NAWILIWILI HARBOR IN KAUAI, HONOLULU HARBOR IN OAHU, KAHULUI HARBOR IN MAUI, AND HILO HARBOR IN HAWAII.

HCR204 SD1

REQUESTING THE STATE PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATOR TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROCUREMENT JURISDICTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR8 SD1

APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-665 INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII.

SCR9

APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-575 INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII.

SCR10

APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-543 INOA STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII.

SCR11 SD1

APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 94-944 MEHEULA PARKWAY, NO. 153, MILILANI, HAWAII.

SCR12

APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 95-015 KUAHELANI AVENUE, NO. 319, MILILANI, HAWAII.

SCR55 SD1

REQUESTING THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT RULES FOR ITS OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

SCR62

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO INCREASE THE FEDERAL BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND AFTERSCHOOL SNACK REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HAWAII.

SCR97 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCIAL LITERACY TASK FORCE.

SCR162

REQUESTING A FINANCIAL AUDIT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPENDITURES IN THE STATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

SCR185 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ORGANIZE AND COORDINATE OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE AND IDENTIFY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

House Resolutions

HR25

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE BARACK OBAMA FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT AND RECOMMEND HAWAII AS THE SITE FOR THE BARACK OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND CENTER.

HR44

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES IS URGED TO OPERATE THE WATER PUMPING SYSTEM OF THE STATE CAPITOL PONDS FOR TWO HOURS PER DAY.

HR80

REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THE OWNERSHIP OF ROADS BEING CHALLENGED IN THE KAKAAKO DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

HR92

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS WHO PAY FOR THEIR OWN TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES A PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION, TAX CREDIT, OR ALTERNATE METHOD OF COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT.

HR130

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AUDIT OF EACH COUNTY TO EXAMINE THE USE OF AND NEEDS FOR STATE FUNDS.

HR140

REQUESTING THE STATE PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATOR TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROCUREMENT JURISDICTIONS.

Executive Budget. Responds to the pressing needs of Hawaii's people, while carefully scrutinizing expenses especially in the context of current Council on Revenues projections, by appropriating funds and adjusting certain budgetary requests to ensure that significant priorities are met and that the structural stability of the State's financial plan is continued. In total, this measure sets the Executive Branch budget at \$12,874,418,668 for FY 2015-2016 and \$13,296,497,506 for FY 2016-2017. Of this total amount, \$6,584,744,854 for FY 2015-2016 and \$6,834,254,853 for FY 2016-2017 come from anticipated general fund monies. Amounts included in this measure are representative of ongoing legislative steps taken towards increasing transparency in the budgeting process. This measure reflects changes made to the funding mechanisms for the following:

- The Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund pursuant to S.B. No. 101, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 ;
- Conveyance tax revenues pursuant to S.B. No. 1299, H.D. 1, C.D. 1; and
- Environmental Response Revolving Fund revenues pursuant to S.B. No. 359, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

In addition to amounts already appropriated in the base budgets of the various departments, some of the major budget items funded in this measure include:

- Capital Improvement Projects:
 - \$640,617,000 for FY 2015-2016 and \$188,504,000 for FY 2016-2017 for capital improvement projects funded by general obligation bonds and \$1,566,234,000 in fiscal biennium 2015-2017 for projects funded by all means of financing.
- Department of Education:
 - \$3,600,000 in general funds for each fiscal year for teacher recruitment and retention for hard-to-fill incentives;
 - \$7,403,261 in general funds for FY 2015-2016 for school bus contracts; and
 - An additional 49 permanent positions for the Early Learning Program.
- Employment and Labor:
 - \$163,615,000 in general funds for FY 2015-2016 and \$245,812,000 in general funds for FY 2016-2017 to pre-fund other post-employment benefit obligations of the State; and
 - \$450,000 in general funds for each fiscal year and the addition of 1.00 position for the implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- Health Care and Human Services:
 - \$50,000,000 in trust funds for each fiscal year for the Rental Housing Trust Fund;
 - \$1,419,099 in general funds for each fiscal year for the state match for the home- and community-based services waiver;

- \$1,752,000 in general funds for each fiscal year for security guard services for the Hawaii State Hospital;
 - \$2,600,000 in general funds for each fiscal year for general assistance payments;
 - \$3,000,000 in general funds for FY 2015-2016 for Hawaii Public Housing Authority state family housing facilities; and
 - \$2,485,080 in general funds and \$2,914,902 in federal funds for FY 2015-2016 for Medicaid recipients through the age of six with an autism spectrum disorder.
- Land and Environment:
 - \$250,000 in special funds for FY 2015-2016 for the prevention and treatment of macadamia felted coccid;
 - \$500,000 in revolving funds for FY 2015-2016 for a central Oahu land swap study; and
 - \$250,000 in special funds for FY 2015-2016 and \$500,000 in special funds for FY 2016-2017 for the digitization of microfilm archives for the Bureau of Conveyances.
- Public Safety and Military:
 - \$380,000 in general funds for FY 2015-2016 for statewide sexual assault services;
 - \$700,000 in revolving funds for each fiscal year for the Criminal History Record Improvement Program;
 - \$778,000 in general funds and \$1,636,720 in federal funds for FY 2015-2016 for the Veteran's Cemetery;
 - \$216,184 in general funds and \$588,973 in other federal funds for FY 2015-2016 and \$338,715 in general funds and \$935,480 in federal funds for FY 2016-2017 for the Hawaii Air National Guard Campus; and
 - \$3,164,155 in general funds for FY 2015-2016 and \$2,741,454 in general funds for FY 2016-2017 for inmate relocation costs associated with the Halawa Correctional Facility repair and improvement project.
- University of Hawaii System:
 - \$1,139,182 in general funds for each fiscal year for the Violence Against Women Act and Title IX costs;
 - \$6,360,818 in general funds for each fiscal year for system-wide support at the University of Hawaii; and

- \$10,000,000 in general obligation bond funds for community colleges and \$44,430,000 in general obligation bonds for University system-wide support.
- Transportation:
 - \$921,000 in special funds for each fiscal year for the Oahu zipper lane;
 - \$1,093,783 in special funds for FY 2015-2016 and \$497,206 in special funds for FY 2016-2017, as well as the addition of 7.00 positions, for the Daniel K. Inouye Highway Baseyard; and
 - \$1,283,648 in special funds for FY 2015-2016 and \$1,582,430 in special funds for FY 2016-2017 for an environmental section for the Maui Highways District Office.

HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1

General Obligation Bond Authorization; Issuance. Assists the State in promoting the general welfare of Hawaii citizens by authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance project appropriations by the Legislature subject to the condition that the total estimate of principal and interest on bonds issued will not cause the debt limit of the State to be exceeded at the time of issuance. HB73 SD1 CD1

County Surcharge on State Tax. Addresses the development and ongoing funding of state transportation infrastructure, including Oahu's ongoing rail transit system project, by extending the county surcharge on state general excise and use taxes, which was enacted by Act 247, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005. Limits use of the City and County of Honolulu county rail tax surcharge to capital costs and extends authorization for the surcharge until December 31, 2027. Authorizes other counties to establish county surcharges, subject to certain restrictions. Clarifies that "public lands" includes the air rights over county mass transit projects in the State. HB134 HD1 SD2 CD1

Budgetary Control; Transparency. Promotes greater budgetary transparency over state funds by amending the allocation amounts from various funds and tax revenues to state programs. Excluding the distribution caps set on cigarette and tobacco tax revenues, appropriates funds to programs whose funding has been affected by the amended allocations. This applies to the following:

- **Revenues deposited into the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund** (SB101 SD1 HD1 CD1);
- **Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Revenues** (SB1297 SD1 HD1 CD1); and
- **Conveyance Tax Revenues** (SB1299 HD1 CD1)

Refundable Food/Excise Tax Credit. Increases the refundable food/excise tax credit by amending the amount of the credit allowed per exemption for a two-year period. Amends the adjusted gross income limits for claiming the tax credit to under \$30,000 for individuals and under \$50,000 for heads of households, married individuals filing separate returns, and married couples filing joint returns. Removes the residency requirement to qualify for a tax credit. SB555 SD1 HD1 CD1

Budgetary Planning; Capital Improvement Projects; Debt Service Management; Transparency. Promotes responsible budgetary planning regarding state capital improvement projects and the transparent use of State funds by requiring the Director of Finance to:

- Include a summary of projected annual debt service for bonds issued to finance capital improvement projects in the Six-year Program and Financial Plan and the Budget (SB105 SD1 HD1 CD1);
- Submit a recommended state debt management policy to the Legislature prior to the beginning of the 2017 Regular Session and a debt affordability study in each regular session of each odd-numbered year (SB253 SD1 HD1 CD1); and
- Include the estimated operational costs of proposed capital improvement projects and deferred maintenance costs in the Multi-year Program and Financial Plan and the Budget (SB254 SD1 HD1 CD1).

Financial Stability; Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. Enhances state financial stability by capitalizing the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund in compliance with Article VII, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution. SB1312 SD1 HD1 CD1

Office of Information Practices. Supports the ongoing functions of the Office of Information Practices by changing it from a temporary administrative attachment to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to a permanent attachment to the Department of Accounting and General Services. Clarifies the independence of the Office of Information Practices as an administratively attached agency. HB461 SD2 CD1

Government Transparency; Repeal of Non-general Funds. Supports ongoing governmental transparency and efficiency efforts by eliminating several unused or inactive non-general funds and accounts of very low balances or no activity in recent years. HB707 SD1 CD1

HEALTH

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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House Bills

<u>HB119 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH.
<u>HB174 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH.
<u>HB253 HD2 SD1</u>	RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.
<u>HB261 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.
<u>HB321 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
<u>HB354 HD2 SD1</u>	RELATING TO NURSES.
<u>HB448 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
<u>HB467 HD1 SD1</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH.
<u>HB525 HD2 SD2</u>	RELATING TO STATE PARKS.
<u>HB576 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INNOVATION WAIVER.
<u>HB581 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM.
<u>HB582 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE NURSING FACILITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM.
<u>HB589 HD1 SD1</u>	RELATING TO STROKE CARE.
<u>HB631 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH.
<u>HB782 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE CYTOMEGALOVIRUS.
<u>HB940 HD1</u>	RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.
<u>HB943 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY SPECIAL FUND.
<u>HB1075 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH.

HB1440 HD1 SD1 CD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Senate Bills

SB40 SD3 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO LICENSING.

SB114 SD1 RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

SB550 SD1 HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH.

SB729 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

SB736 SD1 HD2 RELATING TO INSURANCE.

SB791 SD1 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

SB961 SD2 HD3 RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.

SB964 SD2 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO AGING.

SB982 SD1 HD2 RELATING TO MEDICAL AMNESTY.

SB1028 SD2 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR.

SB1030 SD1 HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH.

SB1113 SD2 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS.

SB1115 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO BUILDING DESIGN FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

SB1117 SD2 HD1 CD1 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

SB1131 SD2 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

SB1291 SD2 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR108 SD1 REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE SCOPE AND RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE HEALTH OF HAWAII'S RESIDENTS AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS TO HEALTH STATEWIDE.

HCR145 SD1

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A FAMILY CAREGIVERS WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE ROLE OF CAREGIVERS OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITALS.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR107 SD1 HD1

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A LEGISLATIVE FAMILY CAREGIVERS WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS ISSUES RELATING TO THE ROLE OF CAREGIVERS OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITALS.

House Resolutions

HR61

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE SCOPE AND RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE HEALTH OF HAWAII'S RESIDENTS AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS TO HEALTH STATEWIDE.

HR127

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE IN HAWAII.

Maui Regional System; Public-Private Partnership; Continued Access to Health Care Services. Ensures that the people of the State have continued access to health care services in areas served by regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). Specifically, this measure requires HHSC's Maui Regional System to negotiate an agreement with a private entity to transfer the exclusive right to conduct ongoing business at one or more of its facilities, including Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Clinic, and Lanai Community Hospital, to a nonprofit management entity that is wholly-owned by a private entity. Delineates the negotiation process for the transfer and establishes procedures for the protection of employees currently employed by a transferred facility aimed at tempering the adverse effects of potential layoffs or changes in employment status or accrued benefits. HB1075 HD2 SD2 CD1

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Emergency Appropriation. Appropriates \$15,000,000 in emergency funding for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to support the functions of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to maintain a stable health care system in the State. SB1117 SD2 HD1 CD1

Medical Marijuana; Dispensaries; Production Centers; Licensure. Establishes a regulated statewide dispensary system for medical marijuana to ensure safe and legal access to medical marijuana for qualifying patients. Among other things, this measure:

- Authorizes the Department of Health (DOH) to grant medical marijuana dispensary licenses for the production, manufacture, and dispensing of marijuana and manufactured marijuana products;
- Requires a person to obtain a license from DOH to operate a dispensary, or engage in the production, manufacture, or sale of marijuana or manufactured marijuana products;
- Allows for the issuance of eight dispensary licenses statewide;
- Provides that a medical marijuana dispensary license application form shall be made available to the public on January 11, 2016;
- Allows each dispensary licensee to begin dispensing medical marijuana and manufactured marijuana products to qualifying patients or primary caregivers no earlier than July 15, 2016, subject to DOH approval;
- Enables DOH to determine whether, based on qualifying patient need, additional dispensary licenses shall be offered to qualified applicants in the State after October 1, 2017;
- Limits each production center to no more than 3,000 marijuana plants;
- Allows a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, or an owner or employee of a medical marijuana production center or dispensary to transport medical marijuana in any public place under certain conditions;
- Provides that after December 31, 2018, a qualifying patient shall obtain medical marijuana or manufactured marijuana products only from a licensed dispensary or by cultivating marijuana in an amount that does not exceed an adequate supply for the qualifying patient, and no primary caregiver shall be authorized to cultivate marijuana for any qualifying patient;

- Establishes penalties for violating provisions related to the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program as specified in this measure;
- Appropriates \$750,000 for each year of Fiscal Biennium 2015-2017 to carry out the purposes of the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program; and
- Requires DOH to adopt rules and establish standards to implement the Medical Marijuana Dispensary System. HB321 HD1 SD2 CD1

Medical Marijuana; Protections; Reasonable Accommodations. Prohibits discrimination against medical marijuana patients and medical marijuana caregivers:

- By schools and landlords if the patient or caregiver is in strict compliance with the State's medical marijuana law, unless failing to do so would cause the school or landlord to lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law or regulation;
- By the courts with regard to medical care or parental rights, unless the qualifying patient or primary caregiver's conduct is a danger to the safety of a minor; and
- By planned community associations, condominium property regimes, and condominiums in which persons residing in the units have a valid certificate for the medical use of marijuana, unless the planned community association, condominium property regime, or condominium document prohibits the smoking of tobacco and the medical marijuana is used by means of smoking; provided that nothing shall be construed to diminish the obligation of planned community associations, condominium property regimes, or condominiums to provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. SB1291 SD2 HD2 CD1

Tobacco Products; Electronic Smoking Devices; Prohibitions; Minimum Age. Prohibits the possession or consumption of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, in public places by persons under 21 years of age and the sale or furnishing of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, to persons under 21 years of age, subject to enforcement through fines and possible community service. SB1030 SD1 HD2

Electronic Smoking Devices; Regulation. Prohibits the use of electronic smoking devices in places where smoking is already prohibited. Enacted as Act 19, SLH 2015. HB940 HD1

Powdered Alcohol; Prohibition. Ensures public safety by prohibiting the consumption, purchase, possession, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of powdered alcohol in the State, with certain exceptions. SB550 SD1 HD2

Hawaii Health Connector; Financial Sustainability. Supports the financial sustainability of the Hawaii Health Connector by appropriating \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the operations of the Hawaii Health Connector. SB1028 SD2 HD1 CD1

State Innovation Waiver Task Force; Affordable Care Act. Enables Hawaii to develop a health care reform plan that meets the requirements for obtaining a State Innovation Waiver that complies with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended (ACA), while building on the success of

Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act. This measure clarifies the State Innovation Waiver Task Force's mandate to develop the plan. [HB576 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

Autism; Mandatory Health Coverage. Ensures the provision of quality health care by requiring accident and health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism to individuals under 14 years of age. [SB791 SD1 HD2 CD1](#)

Orofacial Anomalies; Orthodontic Treatment; Health Insurance. Promotes access to quality health care procedures in the State by requiring health insurance coverage for medically necessary orthodontic treatment of orofacial anomalies resulting from birth defects or birth defect syndromes. [HB174 HD2 SD1 CD1](#)

Practice of Behavior Analysis; Licensing. Addresses the urgent need for a licensing program for behavior analysts by establishing the Behavior Analyst Program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, establishing licensing requirements for the practice of behavior analysis by behavior analysts, and appropriating \$40,000 for each year of the 2015-2017 Fiscal Biennium out of the Compliance Resolution Fund to implement the Behavior Analyst Program. [SB40 SD3 HD2 CD1](#)

Insurance; Reimbursement for Benefits; Recoupment. Ensures timely recoupment and demand for offset of insurance benefits paid out in error by:

- Requiring an insurer, mutual benefit society, dental service corporation, or health maintenance organization to send written notice to a health care provider at least 30 calendar days prior to any effort to recoup or offset a payment or reimbursement for health care provided to the insured; and
- Prohibiting any recoupment or offset demand efforts more than 18 months after an initial claim payment is received by a health care provider, with specific exceptions. [SB736 SD1 HD2](#)

New Birth Certificate; Sex Designation. Amends the requirements for the issuance of a new birth certificate to accurately reflect an individual's gender identity and, if applicable, name change, following a gender transition by, among other things, requiring an affidavit from a licensed United States physician who has a bona fide physician-patient relationship with the birth registrant, attesting that the new gender does not align with the sex designation on the birth registrant's birth certificate. [HB631 HD2 SD1 CD1](#)

Kupuna Care Program; Elderly Persons. Provides Hawaii's seniors with access to affordable and quality home- and community-based services, including hot meals, transportation, case management, and personal care assistance by appropriating \$3,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the Kupuna Care Program. [SB964 SD2 HD1 CD1](#)

Medicaid Recipients; Sustained Access to Health Care; State Health Care System. Preserves access to health care for Medicaid recipients and sustains the State's health care system by updating, extending for an additional year, and appropriating funds for the:

- Hospital Sustainability Program, which established a Hospital Sustainability Fee in which the revenues from the fee and associated federal Medicaid matching funds are used to make direct payments to hospitals and for care provided to Medicaid patients. [HB581 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

- Nursing Facility Sustainability Program, which established a Nursing Facility Sustainability Fee in which the revenues from the fee and associated federal Medicaid matching funds are used to increase Medicaid payments to private nursing facilities. [HB582 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

Congenital Heart Defects; Pulse Oximetry. Improves the detection of critical, life-threatening congenital heart defects in newborns that would otherwise go undetected by current screening methods by requiring birthing facilities to perform on newborns a pulse oximetry test for critical congenital heart defects or other medically accepted test that measures the percentage of blood oxygen saturation. [HB467 HD1 SD1](#)

Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program; School-based Health Services. Improves the access to and quality of health services available to schoolchildren by appropriating \$1,000,000 for each year of the 2015-2017 Fiscal Biennium, subject to matching requirements for the 2016-2017 appropriation, for expenses of the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program, which builds and enhances school-based health services that screen for treatable health conditions, provide referral to primary health care and patient-centered medical home services, prevent and control communicable disease and other health problems, and provide emergency care for illness or injury. [HB1440 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

Hawaii ABLE Savings Program; Individuals With Disabilities. Encourages and assists individuals and families to save private funds to support individuals with disabilities by establishing the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program, a qualified tax exempt savings program. Authorizes the Director of Finance to provide for individual savings accounts that empower individuals with a disability and their families to save private funds to support the individual with a disability through the Program. [HB119 HD2 SD1 CD1](#)

Cytomegalovirus; Public Education Program. Raises awareness of the cytomegalovirus, which causes birth defects and childhood disability, by requiring the Department of Health to provide public education to inform pregnant women and women who may become pregnant regarding:

- Transmission of the cytomegalovirus to pregnant women and women who may become pregnant;
- Birth defects caused by congenital cytomegalovirus;
- Methods of diagnosing congenital cytomegalovirus; and
- Available preventative measures. [HB782 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

Domestic Violence; Multidisciplinary and Multiagency Review Process. Requires the Department of Health to also review near-deaths and suicides as part of the multidisciplinary and multiagency review process for domestic violence fatalities to reduce the incidence of preventable intimate partner homicides. [HB448 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Measures passed by the Legislature are subject to Governor's veto and, if vetoed, will not become effective law without further legislative action.

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House Bills

<u>HB540 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.
<u>HB541 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TUITION AND FEES SPECIAL FUND.
<u>HB547 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Senate Bills

<u>SB160 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII NON-GENERAL FUNDS.
<u>SB387 SD2 HD3 CD1</u>	RELATING TO AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT.
<u>SB987 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

House Concurrent Resolutions

None

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

None

University of Hawaii; Graduation Pathway System; John A. Burns School of Medicine. Provides guidance to students within the University of Hawaii system to complete a major course of study; graduate within a reasonable period of time; and understand the dynamics of the local employment market by requiring the University of Hawaii to develop the Graduation Pathway System, including structured, default pathways to graduation; academic maps with sequential scheduling of classes; intrusive advising; and data on the dynamics of the local employment market, including the availability of employment. Appropriates \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to develop the Graduation Pathway System. Appropriates \$5,640,000 from the University Revenue-undertakings Fund for renovations, repairs, and improvements to the John A. Burns School of Medicine. [HB547 HD2 SD2 CD1](#)

University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund. Strengthens fiscal accountability at the University of Hawaii by requiring each UH campus to prepare an operations plan, to be reviewed by the President and VP for Budget and Finance and CFO of UH, for each fiscal year. Requires the President and VP for Budget and Finance and CFO of UH to approve the operations plans if certain criteria are met and allows them to modify or withhold the planned expenditures of any campus at any time during the appropriations period. Requires the monies in the UH Tuition and Fees Special Fund for each UH campus to lapse to the credit of Program ID No. UOH900 (University of Hawaii, system wide support) at the end of each fiscal year. [HB541 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

University of Hawaii; Fiscal Management. Extends until June 30, 2018, the authority of the University of Hawaii to maintain separate accounting and financial management systems that are compatible with state accounting and financial management systems. Strengthens oversight of UH by requiring UH to expend legislative appropriations in accordance with the Legislature's intent as expressed in the relevant appropriation vehicle, and to account for funds spent otherwise or left unexpended with a report to the Legislature and by returning such funds, plus any related recurring appropriations, to the general fund. [HB540 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

University of Hawaii; Non-general Funds; Repeal; Transfer of Balances. Improves fiscal accountability at the University of Hawaii by repealing various non-general funds and accounts and transferring the unencumbered balances to the general fund. Reclassifies certain special funds as revolving funds. Establishes the University of Hawaii Quasi-endowment Trust Fund to pay for costs and expenses associated with student financial aid programs. [SB160 SD2 HD1 CD1](#)

University of Hawaii; Omnibus. Sought to make comprehensive changes affecting the University of Hawaii system, including establishing the Office of the Ombuds; appropriating funds to the UH Center on Aging to fund staff positions; appropriating funds to establish graduate assistant positions at the Hawaii Educational Policy Center at the University of Hawaii; requiring UH to provide nonsupervisory employees in blue-collar positions and similarly situated officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining with the same educational benefits provided to faculty of UH and the community college system; and directing the Auditor to conduct audits of UH's management of faculty workload. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. [SB325 SD1 HD2](#)

Affirmative Consent; Task Force. Establishes an Affirmative Consent Task Force to review and make recommendations on the University of Hawaii's executive policy on sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. [SB387 SD2 HD3 CD1](#)

University of Hawaii; Safety. Sought to provide resources to the University of Hawaii to ensure compliance with federal mandates to address sexual violence at each of its campuses by appropriating funds for positions and materials to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. [HB457 HD1](#)

John A. Burns School of Medicine; Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program. Sought to strengthen the State's health-care system by providing loan repayment assistance to individuals who enter into at least a five-year employment contract with the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. SB113 SD2 HD1

HOUSING

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Measures passed by the Legislature are subject to Governor's veto and, if vetoed, will not become law without further legislative action.

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House Bills

[HB142 HD1 SD2 CD1](#) RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

[HB277 HD1 SD1 CD1](#) RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE.

Senate Bills

[SB971 SD1 HD1 CD1](#) RELATING TO TAXATION.

House Concurrent Resolutions

None

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

None

Hawaiian Home Lands; Affordable Housing Credits. Amends the requirements for issuing affordable housing credits for housing units developed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands by requiring that twenty-five percent of proceeds from the transfer of credits be used by the Department to develop rentals, permitting Kauai County and the City and County of Honolulu to enter into memoranda of agreement with the Department to issue credits, and extending the sunset date for affordable housing credits for affordable housing developed on Hawaiian home lands by four years. HB142 HD1 SD2 CD1

Infrastructure; Community Facilities Districts. Supports infrastructure for affordable housing developments by allowing counties to use community facilities districts as a method for repayment of infrastructure development loans administered by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. HB277 HD1 SD1 CD1

General Excise Tax Exemptions for Certified or Approved Housing Projects. Ensures that certain affordable rental housing projects remain affordable by requiring, for purposes of obtaining certification for exemptions from general excise taxes, that the project enter into a regulatory agreement with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, which requires the project to remain affordable for the minimum term of years set by this measure. SB971 SD1 HD1 CD1

HUMAN SERVICES

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Measures passed by the Legislature are subject to Governor's veto and, if vetoed, will not become law without further legislative action.

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House Bills

<u>HB538 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
<u>HB1432 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE INTERIM ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT SPECIAL FUND.

Senate Bills

<u>SB64 SD3 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.
<u>SB273 SD2 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS.
<u>SB1066 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.
<u>SB1106 SD2</u>	RELATING TO THE MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PROGRAM.
<u>SB1107 HD2</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR14</u>	RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT AND DESIGNATING MAY AS "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN HAWAII.
<u>HCR208 HD1 SD1</u>	STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO RESTORE FEDERAL HEALTHCARE FUNDING FOR U.S. RESIDENTS PRESENT UNDER THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR UNIQUE HISTORIC AND ONGOING SACRIFICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE WORLD.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

HR12 HD1

REQUESTING THE HAWAII ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE VARIOUS STATE AND COMMUNITY ENTITIES TO DETERMINE WHICH AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION SHOULD ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES TO THE LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME.

Domestic Abuse; Wireless Plans; Contractual Release. Assists victims of domestic violence by requiring wireless telecommunications service providers to release domestic violence victims from shared service plans upon request and with documentation. Also authorizes the Family Court to order wireless telecommunications service providers to transfer billing authority for, or release domestic violence victims from, shared service plans upon petition by a victim. HB538 HD2 SD2 CD1

Identification Cards; Examiner of Drivers; Homeless; Sworn Statement. Requires the Examiner of Drivers to accept a sworn statement from a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, correctional institution staff, a medical or health professional, or a verification letter from a homeless service provider as documentary evidence of a homeless person's address. Requires the Director of Transportation, by rule, to direct the Examiner of Drivers to waive all fees for original or renewal identification cards for homeless individuals upon verification of homeless status. Establishes a working group to enable individuals in the State who are unable to produce documentation required for a state identification card to obtain satisfactory documentary evidence. SB273 SD2 HD2 CD1

School Readiness; Preschool Open Doors Program. Supports the youth of low to moderate income families by appropriating \$6,000,000 for subsidies for the Preschool Open Doors Program. This program promotes school readiness by providing child care subsidies to eligible families for the year prior to kindergarten. SB64 SD3 HD1 CD1

Interim Assistance Reimbursement Special Fund; Appropriation. Establishes the Interim Assistance Reimbursement Special Fund to allow the Department of Human Services to retain from one fiscal year to the next any interim assistance reimbursements received from the federal government for state General Assistance payments made to individuals during the time that the individuals should have been receiving federal supplemental security income benefits. HB1432 HD2 SD1 CD1

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. Updates the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act to reflect requirements of the Hague Convention of the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance. Also provides procedures for registration, recognition, enforcement, and modifications of support orders from countries that are parties to the Convention. SB1066 SD1 HD1

Medicaid Managed Care Program. Replaces specific statutory program references to "QUEST" and "QUEST Expanded Access" with the terms "medicaid managed care" or "medicaid managed care program" to reflect the program name changes that have occurred within the Department of Human Services. Enacted as Act 20, SLH 2015. SB1106 SD2

Older Americans Month. Designates the month of May of each year as "Older Americans Month" in Hawaii in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the Older Americans Act and of all the contributions made by older Americans in Hawaii. HCR14

JUDICIARY

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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and, if vetoed, will not become effective law without further legislative action.

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House Bills

<u>HB15 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS.
<u>HB26 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	COMPENSATION OF TRUSTEES.
<u>HB87 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
<u>HB158 SD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI.
<u>HB179 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOTS.
<u>HB213</u>	RELATING TO JURY DUTY.
<u>HB287 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT.
<u>HB290 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.
<u>HB346 HD1 SD2</u>	RELATING TO THE CIVIL PROCESS.
<u>HB896 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES.
<u>HB966 HD1</u>	RELATING TO SECTION 237-23, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.
<u>HB1491 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

Senate Bills

<u>SB143 SD1 HD1</u>	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD VALUE IN CONTROVERSY REQUIREMENT FOR JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES AT COMMON LAW FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000.
<u>SB148 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO NUISANCE ABATEMENT.
<u>SB211 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION.

<u>SB218 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO ORDER OF SUCCESSION.
<u>SB223 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN.
<u>SB226 SD2 HD1</u>	RELATING TO ABUSE OF FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.
<u>SB265 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING.
<u>SB419 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS.
<u>SB423 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.
<u>SB440 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO VACANCIES.
<u>SB508 SD1 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.
<u>SB524 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING A GRANT TO THE HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.
<u>SB569 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THEFT.
<u>SB654 SD1 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGNS.
<u>SB996 SD2 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO ETHICS.
<u>SB1072 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
<u>SB1156 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, AND DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS.
<u>SB1208 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
<u>SB1305 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE COUNTY OF KAUAI OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR155 SD1</u>	REQUESTING THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO THE HAWAII PENAL CODE.
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Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR88 SD1

REQUESTING THE INFORMATION PRIVACY AND SECURITY COUNCIL, IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER COUNCIL, TO ASSESS EXISTING PROCEDURES OF NOTIFICATION FOLLOWING THE BREACH OF PERSONAL INFORMATION.

SCR98 SD1

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY TRAFFIC OFFENSES AND CRIMES, PETTY MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES, AND MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES THAT CAUSE A DISPROPORTIONATE WORKLOAD FOR THE JUDICIARY AND THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR DECRIMINALIZATION AS INFRACTIONS.

House Resolutions

HR87 HD2

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE SMARTER SENTENCING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY OF STATE CRIMINAL SENTENCING PRACTICES.

HR93

REQUESTING THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO THE HAWAII PENAL CODE.

Sex Trafficking; Prostitution; Promotion of Prostitution. Reduces the penalty for conviction of the offense of Prostitution from a petty misdemeanor to a violation for a person under the age of 18 who agrees or offers to engage in sexual conduct in exchange for a fee.

Renames the class A felony offense of Promoting Prostitution in the First Degree as Sex Trafficking and:

- Specifies that profiting from the prostitution of another individual by certain enumerated criminal, fraudulent, or threatening means constitutes an element of the offense of Sex Trafficking;
- Authorizes the Attorney General and county Prosecuting Attorneys to apply for a court order to intercept communications related to Sex Trafficking where organized crime is involved;
- Makes victims of Sex Trafficking eligible for compensation from the Crime Victim Compensation Special Fund;
- Clarifies that victims or witnesses, as applicable, of the renamed offense of Sex Trafficking remain eligible for witness protections through the Department of the Attorney General, recovery of civil damages under the renamed Sex Trafficking and Prostitution Coercion Liability Act, and vacation of convictions for prostitution; and
- Clarifies that persons convicted of the renamed offense of Sex Trafficking remain subject to forfeiture of property, registration as a sex offender, and ineligibility for a deferred acceptance of guilt or deferred acceptance of no contest plea.

Renames the class B felony offense of Promoting Prostitution in the Second Degree as Promoting Prostitution and reiterates that the offense applies to knowingly advancing or profiting from the prostitution of a person 18 years of age or older. SB265 SD1 HD1 CD1

Abuse of a Family or Household Member; Separation Order. Clarifies the method of calculating the period of separation and no contact that may be ordered by a police officer in response to a complaint and investigation of an incident of Abuse of a Family or Household Member. Specifies that the period of separation shall commence at the time the order is issued and shall expire at 6:00 PM on the second business day following the issuance of the order. SB226 SD2 HD1

Chief Election Officer; Performance Evaluation; Removal; Absentee Ballot Delivery. Specifies that the Chief Election Officer is an at-will employee. Requires the Elections Commission to conduct a performance evaluation of the Chief Election Officer after each general election and to conduct a public hearing on the Chief Election Officer's performance for the purpose of considering reappointment. Creates a statewide standard for the time period for distribution of absentee ballots. HB15 HD1 SD1 CD1

Elections by Mail; Phase-in Plan for Statewide Coverage. Sought to encourage voter turnout by providing for a statewide system of elections by mail beginning with the County of Kauai in the 2016 primary election and expanding incrementally to all counties and all federal, state, and county primary, general, and special elections after the 2018 election cycle. However this measure failed to gain Conference approval. HB124 HD2 SD2

Uniform Information Practices Act; Individual's Privacy Interest. Exempts government records that would create a substantial and demonstrable risk of physical harm to an individual from public disclosure under the Uniform Information Practices Act. [HB287 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

Judiciary Budget; Appropriations. Appropriates funds for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. Includes authorization and appropriation of \$55,000,000 for the construction of a new Judiciary Complex in Kona, Hawaii. [HB290 HD2 SD1 CD1](#)

Claims Against the State; Appropriations. Appropriates various amounts of funds for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees for refunds, reimbursements, payments of judgments or settlements, or other liabilities. [HB896 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; City and County of Honolulu; County of Hawaii; County of Kauai. Appropriates \$100,000 each to the Prosecuting Attorneys of the City and County of Honolulu and the County of Hawaii and appropriates \$50,000 to the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kauai for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for career criminal prosecution units and victim witness assistance programs. [SB423 SD1 HD1 CD1](#); [SB524 SD2 HD1 CD1](#); and [SB1305 SD1 HD1 CD1](#)

Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; County of Maui. Appropriates \$150,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as a grant-in-aid to the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui for the prosecution of cases in drug court and mental health courts, including the hiring of necessary staff. [HB158 SD1 CD1](#)

Constitutional Amendment; Threshold Value in Controversy; Jury Trials. Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 13, of the Hawaii Constitution to increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the minimum amount in controversy that guarantees the right to a jury trial in civil suits. [SB143 SD1 HD1](#)

Order of Succession; Vacancy of Office of Lieutenant Governor. Allows for an expeditious transition of powers and duties to the office of the Lieutenant Governor by clarifying the order of succession to the office. Specifies that the office of Lieutenant Governor shall devolve upon the President of the Senate, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives, then a qualified person appointed by the Governor in the case of a permanent vacancy in the office; provided that each person is of the same political party as the Governor. Specifies that in the case of a temporary absence or disability of the Lieutenant Governor, the office shall devolve, in order, upon the Attorney General, Director of Finance, Comptroller, Director of Taxation, and Director of Human Resource Development. [SB218 SD1 HD1](#)

Service of Civil Process; Fees. Amends the District Court fee schedule for service of process by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, or eligible civil process server. Increases the allowable fees for the service of certain legal documents and mileage expenses. [HB346 HD1 SD2](#)

Hawaii Hope Card Program; Verification of Protective Orders. Sought to enhance the protection of domestic violence victims and others covered by long-term protective orders by authorizing the Department of the Attorney General to issue a driver's license-sized card containing information about the protective order to individuals protected by such an order. Sought to assist law enforcement personnel and others in enforcing the terms of a protective order by making it easier to verify the identity of the individuals who are protected by or restrained by the protective order and to verify the validity and contents of the protective order. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. [HB58 HD1](#)

Wrongful Conviction and Imprisonment; Claim for Relief; Compensation. Sought to provide a means for redress for persons who were wrongfully convicted and imprisoned by establishing immediate access upon release for eligible persons to services for housing, transportation, education, vocational training, subsistence monetary assistance, health care, and re-integration into the community. Sought to create a process and procedure to claim and receive compensation for damages caused by wrongful imprisonment including for physical injury, lost wages, legal defense expenses, and non-economic damages for physical injuries or sickness. Sought to provide for the award of compensation for health care costs, education expenses for the claimant and any biological children conceived prior to incarceration, and child support payments that accrued during imprisonment. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. HB148 HD2

Office of the State Inspector General. Sought to establish the Office of the State Inspector General within the Department of Accounting and General Services to monitor and regulate the operations of state agencies, quasi-public agencies, and their officers, employees, and independent contractors to identify and address fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption. Sought to charge the State Inspector General with receiving and investigating complaints, investigating and reporting on the management and operations of state agencies, conducting performance reviews of state agencies, referring suspected violations of criminal law to appropriate law enforcement agencies, imposing standards for and assisting in State internal audit procedures, and assisting members of the public in understanding and accessing processes to address concerns of fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. SB286 SD2 HD1

LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Measures passed by the Legislature are subject to Governor's veto and, if vetoed, will not become effective law without further legislative action.

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House Bills

<u>HB126 SD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS.
<u>HB391 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO WAGES AND HOURS ON PUBLIC WORKS.
<u>HB553 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.
<u>HB696 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.
<u>HB697 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO STATE FACILITIES.
<u>HB894 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD.
<u>HB951 HD1</u>	RELATING TO NOTICE OF HEARING BY THE LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD.
<u>HB952 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO WAGES AND HOURS ON PUBLIC WORKS LAW.
<u>HB1268 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.
<u>HB1349 HD2 SD1</u>	RELATING TO TEACHER TENURE.

Senate Bills

<u>SB158 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS.
<u>SB1077 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.
<u>SB1078 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.
<u>SB1080 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.

<u>SB1081 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.
<u>SB1082 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.
<u>SB1083 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.
<u>SB1084 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS.
<u>SB1087 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
<u>SB1089 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
<u>SB1090 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
<u>SB1113 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS.
<u>SB1324 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO DIVORCE.
<u>SB1361 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO BUDGETING.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR168 HD2 SD1</u>	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STREAMLINE THE STATE'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROCESS.
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Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

<u>HR104 HD2</u>	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STREAMLINE THE STATE'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROCESS.
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Workforce Development. Establishes the Hawaii Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board to help increase and strengthen the healthcare workforce in the State. Allows the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish additional workforce advisory boards for other industries. [HB696 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

UH Graduate Students; Collective Bargaining. Allows part-time and full-time graduate student assistants employed by UH to collectively bargain their wages, hours, and other terms; provided that no collective bargaining agreement shall take effect prior to July 1, 2016. Requires UH and the relevant exclusive representatives to meet and report to the Legislature. [HB553 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

Public Works Projects; Prevailing Wage Law. Amends Hawaii's prevailing wage law to ensure that laborers and mechanics working on public works projects receive fair wages by allowing overtime compensation to exceed time and one-half if the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations determines that the prevailing wage is defined by collective bargaining. [HB391 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

Employees' Retirement System Benefits to Former Spouses; Divorce. Effective January 1, 2018, provides authority for the ERS Administrator to make direct payment of benefits to a former spouse of a retired member pursuant to a final court judgment, order, or decree for divorce. Allows for the ERS Board to adopt rules to assess fees for filing and processing costs, and a 10 percent administrative fee. [SB1324 SD2 HD1 CD1](#)

Family Leave; Partial Wage Replacement. Sought to enable employees to take family leave to care for family members by establishing the Partial Wage Replacement for Leave Trust Fund to be funded by employee wage withholdings and to be used for partial wage replacement for four weeks of family leave. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. [HB496 HD1](#)

Vocational Rehabilitation. Requires injured public employees who are eligible to take part in an employer's return to work program to do so as a prerequisite to receiving vocational rehabilitation through workers' compensation coverage. [HB1268 HD2 SD2 CD1](#)

Teacher Tenure. Sets probationary period of specified licensed charter school teachers according to policies and practices as determined by DOE, BOE, and collective bargaining agreements. Subjects tenured DOE licensed teachers who transfer to charter schools to the appropriate collective bargaining agreement. [HB1349 HD2 SD1](#)

Public Works Law; Complaints. Ensures confidentiality of a complainant in an investigation of wage and hour violations for public works projects. [HB952 HD2 SD1 CD1](#)

Workers' Compensation Working Group. Requests the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to convene a working group to streamline the State's Workers' Compensation Process in areas such as employer-requested medical examinations and claims filing. [HCR168 HD2 SD1](#)

Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board; Notice of Hearing. Allows the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board the option of providing notice of a hearing by online posting on its webpage if service by first class mail fails to elicit a response from the party. Enacted as Act 4, SLH 2015. [HB951 HD1](#)

Independent Contractor. Sought to clarify Hawaii's employment security law for employer-employee status by including 20 guideline factors to determine whether an individual could be an employee. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. [SB1219 SD2 HD1](#)

State Budget, Position Ceilings. Increases transparency in the State budgeting process by requiring the Executive and Judiciary budgets to include program position ceilings and identify permanent and temporary positions. Prohibits the expenditure of funds on positions exceeding the applicable ceiling, subject to certain exceptions. SB1361 SD2 HD1 CD1

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

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House Bills

[HB1214 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

RELATING TO THE STATE-COUNTY FUNCTIONS WORKING GROUP.

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

State-County Functions Working Group. Appropriates funds from transient accommodations tax revenues to the counties to the Office of the Auditor to carry out the purposes of the State-County Functions Working Group, which includes the evaluation of the division of duties and responsibilities between the State and the counties relating to the provision of public services. HB1214 HD1 SD1 CD1

OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

MEASURES PASSED

COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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House Bills

<u>HB206 HD2 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN PLANTS.
<u>HB207 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO TRAINING.
<u>HB209 HD2 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.
<u>HB393 HD2 SD2</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS.

Senate Bills

<u>SB434 SD2 HD1</u>	RELATED TO AGRICULTURE.
<u>SB1166 SD2 HD2</u>	RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR68</u>	REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES AND DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH FEDERAL PARTNER AGENCIES TO PROTECT IMPORTANT STATE MARINE RESOURCES.
<u>HCR86 HD1 SD1</u>	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING PERMITTING PROVISIONS TO REQUIRE THAT EMPLOYEES OF WATERSPORT EXCURSION COMPANIES WHO TAKE CUSTOMERS ON WATERSPORT EXCURSIONS ARE TRAINED IN BASIC SAFETY MEASURES.
<u>HCR119 SD1</u>	REQUESTING A REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO STOP THE DECLINE AND REPLENISH THE SUPPLY OF LIMU AND REEF FISH IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE EWA COAST OF OAHU.

HCR141 HD1 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COUNTIES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN HAWAII.

HCR217 HD1 SD1

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE ESTABLISHING HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE RESOURCES FOR THE STATE OF HAWAII JUDICIARY.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

HR84 HD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COUNTIES TO PROVIDE BEACH ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN HAWAII.

HR152 HD1

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE ESTABLISHING HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE RESOURCES FOR THE STATE OF HAWAII JUDICIARY.

Loko i'a; Hawaiian Fishponds; Streamlined Permitting. Minimizes barriers for community organizations and lawai'a, Hawaiian aquaculturalists, to undertake the restoration, repair, maintenance, and operation of loko i'a, native Hawaiian fishponds, by specifying that an applicant for a fishpond permit that has received a permit approval and notice to proceed from the Department and Land and Natural Resources Statewide Programmatic General Permit and Programmatic Agreement is not required to obtain an additional, duplicative water quality certification from the Department of Health. Effectuates the single-application interagency permitting process developed by federal, state, and county agencies in coordination with cultural practitioners and the community. [HB393 HD2 SD2](#)

Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Rights; Training for Councils, Boards, and Commissions. Upholds the State's constitutional duties to protect customary and traditional native Hawaiian rights exercised for subsistence, religious, and cultural purposes and to manage public trust lands for the benefit of native Hawaiians and the general public by requiring members of state councils, boards, and commissions with a direct role involving traditional and customary rights, resource protection and access, or public trust lands to attend a training course on these matters offered by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Permits all state and county officers, representatives, and employees to request to enroll in the training course. [HB207 HD2 SD2 CD1](#)

Traditional Hawaiian Crops and Agriculture; Small-scale Farms. Updates the Hawaii State Planning Act to add the growth and development of traditional Hawaiian crops and farming systems, as well as the growth and development of small-scale farms, as economic and agricultural objectives of the State. [SB434 SD2 HD1](#)

Traditional Hawaiian Burial Practices. Clarifies criminal statutes relating to the treatment of human bodies after death to eliminate possible confusion and ensure that traditional practices of cremation or burial, including the preparation of a body, carried out in accordance with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices, do not violate criminal prohibitions regarding treatment of a human corpse. [SB1166 SD2 HD2](#)

Hawaiian Plants; Publicly-funded Landscaping Projects; Procurement Code. Establishes a timetable for the required incorporation of a minimum percentage of Hawaiian plants into all publicly funded State landscaping projects. Permits the satisfaction of minimum requirements through use of indigenous and endemic plant species as well as plant species brought to Hawaii by Polynesian explorers before European contact, such as kukui, kalo, wauke, niu, noni, and kamani. [HB206 HD2 SD1 CD1](#)

Hawaiian Language; Judiciary; Task Force. Recognizes the place of Olelo Hawaii as an official language of the State and reaffirms the State's constitutional duties to promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and language and to protect the customary and traditional exercise of Hawaiian culture by requesting that the Judiciary convene a task force to investigate and make recommendations on providing public access to a Judiciary website and court documents in the Hawaiian language. Requests that the task force conduct a feasibility study of implementing Hawaiian language resources on the Judiciary's website as well as Hawaiian language legal forms and documents; develop a plan to ensure that documents and resources contain accurate, appropriate, and authentic language; and identify the human and technological resources needed for implementation. [HCR217 HD1 SD1](#) / [HR152 HD1](#)

Limu; Reef Fish; Conservation and Replenishment; Ewa Coast of Oahu. Takes steps to stop the decline of limu, which is both a significant cornerstone of Native Hawaiian culture and a widely-enjoyed culinary product, and of reef fish, which are an important contributor to and indicator of ecosystem health, on the Ewa Coast of Oahu. Requests that the Department of Land and Natural Resources submit a report to the Legislature on recommended actions to stop the decline and replenish the supply of limu and reef fish from the easternmost point of Pu'uloa to Barber's Point. HCR119 SD1

PUBLIC SAFETY

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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Senate Bills

<u>SB213 SD2 HD3 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII PENAL CODE.
<u>SB388 HD1</u>	RELATING TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS.
<u>SB564 SD1</u>	RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.
<u>SB589 SD2 HD2</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE.
<u>SB913 SD1</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
<u>SB1211 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR178 HD1 SD1</u>	URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DEVELOP A MODERNIZED OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN THE VICINITY OF THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THROUGH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.
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Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

<u>HR114 HD1</u>	URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DEVELOP A MODERNIZED OAHU CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITHIN THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THROUGH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.
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Public Safety; Incarcerated Parents; Data. Facilitates the provision of services to incarcerated parents and their children by requiring the Department of Public Safety to collect relevant information during the corrections intake process and to develop a plan to manage the data collected and public disclosure of the data in accordance with all applicable laws. Enacted as Act 16, SLH 2015. SB913 SD1

Reentry Commission; Comprehensive Offender Reentry Program. Extends the expiration date applicable to the Reentry Commission from December 1, 2015, to December 1, 2019, thereby enabling the Commission to work with the Department of Public Safety in monitoring and reviewing the Comprehensive Offender Reentry Program, including facility educational and treatment programs, rehabilitative services, work furloughs, and the Hawaii Paroling Authority's oversight of parolees. Enacted as Act 15, SLH 2015. SB564 SD1

Multiple Sentences of Imprisonment; Concurrent or Consecutive Sentences; Sentence Recalculation. Ensures a fair and efficient mechanism for recalculating the sentences of inmates whose sentences may have mistakenly been served consecutively, rather than concurrently, by requiring the Department of Public Safety to notify all inmates and defendants, who may have been affected, of the possibility of sentence recalculation and the right for court review of the sentence. Applies to inmates with multiple terms of imprisonment imposed prior to the enactment of Act 193, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, which provided clarification on whether and when multiple terms of imprisonment should run consecutively or concurrently. SB213 SD2 HD3 CD1

County Police Departments; Domestic Violence Policies; Standards of Conduct. Improves accountability and transparency for police departments by requiring each county police department to post on the department's official website, the department's policies relating to domestic violence, officer-involved domestic violence, and standards of conduct. SB388 HD1

Hawaii County Lava Zone Areas; Property Insurance; Lifting of Moratorium. Helps current and future homeowners who reside in lava zone areas in Hawaii County to obtain and renew property insurance by:

- Limiting the non-renewal of property insurance policies by insurance companies in areas where a state of emergency has been declared due to the threat of lava flow; and
- Lifting any moratorium on issuing new property insurance policies in these same areas that may be imposed by the Hawaii Property Insurance Association. Enacted as Act 32, SLH 2015. SB589 SD2 HD2

Major Disaster Fund; Expenditure Ceiling; Reports; Appropriation. Increases the ability of the State to respond to a single emergency or major disaster by:

- Increasing the Major Disaster Fund expenditure ceiling to \$5,000,000;
- Increasing the ceiling to \$5,000,000 for additional funds required to qualify for matching federal disaster relief funds;
- Appropriating \$1,500,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for deposit into the Major Disaster Fund; and
- Requiring the Adjutant General to report any allotment or expenditure of Fund moneys to the Legislature within one month of the allotment or expenditure. SB1211 SD1 HD1 CD1

Honolulu Police Department Body Camera Pilot Program; Appropriation; Grant-In-Aid. Sought to promote transparency, accountability, and protection for law enforcement officers and the public by appropriating monies as a grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu to purchase body cameras for their police officers and to establish a Honolulu Police Department Body Camera Pilot Program, provided that the City and County of Honolulu provides matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. [HB365 HD1](#)

Mitigation of Hazardous Situations; Department of Defense. Sought to protect public health and safety by requiring the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to hire personnel to oversee the Mitigation of Hazardous Situations Program in the Department of Defense and appropriating funds for those positions. However, this measure failed to gain Conference approval. [HB1344](#)

Correctional Facilities; Replacement of Oahu Community Correctional Center; Design and Construction; Appropriation. Ensures the continued safety of the public and better serves the inmate population of the State by immediately initiating the planning and preliminary design process for a 1,200- to 1,500-bed community correctional facility to replace the Oahu Community Correctional Center. The new facility would be a minimum- to medium-security community correctional facility capable of providing in-house rehabilitation and a continuum of programs directed at treating and preventing drug and substance abuse and other mental health issues. However, this measure failed to gain Senate approval. [HB840 HD1](#)

Halawa Correctional Facility; Oahu Community Correctional Center; Consolidation; Redevelopment; Private-Public Partnership. Urges the Governor to develop a modernized Oahu Community Correctional Center in the vicinity of the Halawa Correctional Facility through a public-private partnership. [HCR178 HD1 SD1](#)

TOURISM

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

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House Bills

[HB169 HD1 SD1 CD1](#) RELATING TO TAXATION.

Senate Bills

[SB283 SD1 HD1](#) RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

[SB519 SD2 HD3 CD1](#) RELATING TO TAXATION.

[SB743 SD1 HD2](#) RELATING TO ACTIVITY DESKS.

[SB1009 SD1 HD1 CD1](#) RELATING TO SERVICE CHARGES.

House Concurrent Resolutions

[HCR162](#) REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO EXAMINE IF AND HOW OTHER STATES REGULATE TOUR OPERATORS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

[HR22 HD1](#) REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEED FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF TRANSIENT VACATION RENTALS.

[HR29 HD1](#) URGING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE WITH THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY TO CREATE A MORE WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHINESE VISITORS.

HR99

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO EXAMINE IF
AND HOW OTHER STATES REGULATE TOUR OPERATORS WITHIN THEIR
JURISDICTION.

Transient Accommodations Tax; Increase; Resort Time Share Vacation Units. Promotes fairness in the imposition of tax on different transient accommodation business models by amending the definition of "fair market rental value" applicable to the transient accommodations tax and gradually increasing the transient accommodations tax rate imposed on resort time share vacation units by one percentage point each year until the amount of the tax rate is increased from the current 7.25 percent to 9.25 percent. [HB169 HD1 SD1 CD1](#)

Vacation Rentals; Transient Accommodations Tax; Registration; Advertisements. Regulates and promotes fairness in the imposition of tax on home-based vacation rentals by:

- Strengthening the Department of Taxation's ability to enforce civil penalties for operators of transient accommodations and plan managers of resort time share vacation plans who fail to display certificates of registration and registration identification numbers;
- Authorizing the Department of Taxation to issue citations for failure to provide the registration identification number or link to the number and contact information of the local contact in an advertisement for a transient accommodation or resort time share vacation plan;
- Authorizing the deposit of monetary fines into the Tax Administration Special Fund and increasing to \$700,000 the balance that may be retained in the Tax Administration Special Fund in each fiscal year; and
- Clarifying the definition of "transient accommodations" to include a single family dwelling as a type of transient accommodation. [SB519 SD2 HD3 CD1](#)

Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Qualifications; Term Limits. Clarifies qualifications and term limit requirements for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Provides for coordination between the Governor and the Senate President or Speaker of the House of Representatives, as applicable, to ensure that appointments to fill Board member vacancies are made in accordance with required subject-matter knowledge and experience qualifications and with county representation requirements. [SB283 SD1 HD1](#)

Activity Desks; Client Trust Accounts; Principal. Protects activity desk providers and consumers by requiring that each activity desk designate a principal, who shall have direct management and supervision of the activity desk, and that the activity desk disclose the name and contact information of the activity principal to a client trust account beneficiary upon request. [SB743 SD1 HD2](#)

Service Charges; Porterage Services; Hotels. Ensures that hotels either distribute porterage service charges to employees in full or notify customers that service charges are being used for other purposes. [SB1009 SD1 HD1 CD1](#).

Tour Operators; Regulation; LRB; Study. Seeks to ensure the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors by requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau to examine if and how other states regulate tour operators within their jurisdiction. [HCR162](#)

TRANSPORTATION

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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House Bills

<u>HB436 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.
<u>HB971 HD1 SD2</u>	RELATING TO ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
<u>HB1007 HD1 SD2</u>	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING.
<u>HB1010 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE COMMUTER BENEFITS PROGRAM.
<u>HB1153 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO VETERANS.
<u>HB1489 HD1 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR NATIONAL PARKS.

Senate Bills

<u>SB2 SD2 HD2</u>	RELATING TO PILOTAGE.
<u>SB225 SD1</u>	RELATING TO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.
<u>SB233 SD1 HD1</u>	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.
<u>SB415</u>	RELATING TO BICYCLE SIGNALS.
<u>SB611 SD1 HD2</u>	RELATING TO USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE.
<u>SB871 SD1 HD3 CD1</u>	RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.
<u>SB1141 SD1</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.
<u>SB1180 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR98</u>	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY FROM MAKALA BOULEVARD TO HENRY STREET ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.
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HCR182

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON KAHEKILI HIGHWAY FROM THE LIKELIKE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION TO KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

None

House Resolutions

HR52

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY FROM MAKALA BOULEVARD TO HENRY STREET ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

HR118

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE INTERSECTION OF MANAGERS DRIVE AND HIAPO STREET IN WAIPAHU AND RECOMMEND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THIS INTERSECTION AND THE SURROUNDING SURFACE STREETS.

HR119

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION.

HR120

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON KAHEKILI HIGHWAY FROM THE LIKELIKE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION TO KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY.

HR128 HD1

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE AREA SURROUNDING HONOWAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MAUKA LANI ELEMENTARY, AND KALEI`OPU`U ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DISTRICT 39.

Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant; Habitual Offender. Clarifies existing law that imposes increased penalties for multiple convictions of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant, commonly known as OUVII. Closes an unintended loophole that treated a prior felony conviction of Habitually Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant, commonly referred to as HOUVII, with the same weight as a prior misdemeanor conviction of OUVII. Specifies that a single prior conviction of HOUVII triggers a subsequent HOUVII conviction, along with the applicable increased penalties, upon conviction for the act of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant to accurately reflect both the serious nature of the offense and the original intent of the Legislature in enacting increased penalties for repeat offenses. Enacted as Act 11, SLH 2015. [SB225 SD1](#)

Operating A Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant; License Revocation; Ignition Interlock Permit. Improves the effectiveness and efficiency of current statutes regarding license revocation for the operation of a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, and expedites the reissuance of a driver's license once a license revocation period has expired by:

- Allowing the holder of a valid ignition interlock permit to take tests necessary to apply for relicensing up to thirty days prior to the expiration of the revocation period;
- Requiring the holder of an ignition interlock permit to have a valid State of Hawaii identification card in their immediate possession before operating a vehicle; and
- Prohibiting a person who has been issued a notice of administrative revocation that serves as a temporary permit from operating a vehicle after the temporary permit has expired, unless the person has an otherwise valid driver's license. [SB611 SD1 HD2](#)

Emergency Vehicles and Personnel; Move Over Law; Traffic Safety. Promotes highway safety by requiring approaching vehicles to slow and change lanes when nearing Sheriff Division vehicles, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency vehicles, Civil Defense vehicles, Department of Transportation Harbors Division vehicles, Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement vehicles, and county emergency management vehicles that are stopped for official duties, by amending the definition of "emergency vehicle" in the statewide traffic code to include these vehicles. [HB436 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

Alternative Transportation; Commuter Benefits; Counties. Reduces the negative impacts inherent to widespread use of motor vehicles including traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and a reliance on fossil fuels in the transportation sector by allowing the counties to adopt ordinances requiring employers to offer employees specified commuter benefits options to encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation to commute to and from work. [HB1010 HD1 SD2 CD1](#)

Driver's Licenses; Proof of Authorized Presence. Improves highway and public safety by enabling Hawaii residents who meet the qualifications for a driver's license or instructional permit, other than the minimum documentary requirements under the federal REAL ID Act, to obtain uniquely identified limited purpose driver's licenses, provisional driver's licenses, and instruction permits as long as the resident provides satisfactory proof of identity and state residency. [HB1007 HD1 SD2](#)

Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Ensures appropriate statutory authority for metropolitan planning organizations in Hawaii to comply with federal laws and maintain federal certification by, among other things:

- Creating a new chapter to govern metropolitan planning organizations in conformance with federal requirements and repealing chapter 279E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, entitled "Metropolitan Planning Organization";
- Requiring metropolitan planning organizations to submit annual reports to the Legislature; and
- Establishing the Oahu Transportation Management Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolving Fund, to be administered by the Department of Transportation, and appropriating \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 out of the State Highway Fund and into the Revolving Fund. SB1180 SD2 HD1 CD1

Aloha Tower Development Corporation; Board Composition. Enhances the effectiveness of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation by amending the composition of the Corporation's Board of Directors and designating the Deputy Director of Transportation, Harbors Division, as the Chairperson of the Board. HB971 HD1 SD2

Private Roads; Repair and Maintenance. Sought to address the ownership of private roads that are regularly used by the public by requiring the counties to accept the surrender of a private road in cases where there has been an absence of any act of private ownership over the road for five years and exempting the State and counties from liability arising from the use of the road until and unless the State or county performs maintenance work on the road. However, this measure failed to gain Senate approval. HB1408 HD3

**VETERANS, MILITARY, &
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, &
CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, &
CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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House Bills

<u>HB604</u>	RELATING TO SAKADA DAY.
<u>HB1153 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO VETERANS.
<u>HB1275</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE INSTRUMENT.

Senate Bills

<u>SB181 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO VETERANS.
<u>SB332</u>	RELATING TO MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI DAY.
<u>SB1177 SD1 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS.
<u>SB1183 SD1</u>	RELATING TO STATE LAND MAMMAL.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR66</u>	REQUESTING AN EMPHASIS ON COLLABORATION, OPENNESS, AND STRENGTHENING OF THE LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND UNITED STATES NAVY IN ADDRESSING AND RESOLVING ISSUES RELATING TO THE LEAKAGE OF FUEL FROM THE NAVY'S RED HILL UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE FACILITY.
<u>HCR158 HD1 SD1</u>	REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE STATE OF DAKHLA OF THE REGION OF OUED ED-DAHAB-LAGOUIRA OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO, AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 229-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR FURTHER ACTION.

HCR191

COMMENDING THE JAPANESE WOMEN'S SOCIETY FOUNDATION FOR CREATING THE "ADOPT-A-MOM" PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGING ALL FAMILIES AND AGENCIES WORKING WITH THE ELDERLY OF HAWAII TO PLACE "ADOPT-A-MOM" DAY ON THEIR CALENDARS, AS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF MAY, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE ELDERLY WOMEN OF HAWAII WHO DESERVE TO BE CHERISHED AND APPRECIATED FOR THE INVALUABLE ROLE THEY PLAY AS THE MOTHERS OF OUR KEIKI O KA AINA.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR57 SD1 HD1

EXPANDING THE TASK FORCE STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF THE JANUARY 2014 FUEL TANK LEAK AT THE RED HILL UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE FACILITY, ESTABLISHED UNDER SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73, H.D. 1, REGULAR SESSION OF 2014, TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-SIX UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE TANKS IN THE STATE OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES MILITARY.

SCR165 SD1

SUPPORTING THE CO-NAMING OF A SECTION OF 33RD STREET IN NEW YORK CITY TO FATHER DAMIEN WAY IN HONOR OF SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER.

SCR201 SD1

REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE PREFECTURE OF HOKKAIDO, JAPAN, AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 229-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR FURTHER ACTION.

House Resolutions

HR16 HD1

URGING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION FOR HAWAII'S FUTURE TO GUIDE AND PREPARE HAWAII FOR REDUCED MILITARY SPENDING.

HR19

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A VETERAN WOMEN SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

HR126

COMMENDING THE JAPANESE WOMEN'S SOCIETY FOUNDATION FOR CREATING THE "ADOPT-A-MOM" PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGING ALL FAMILIES AND AGENCIES WORKING WITH THE ELDERLY OF HAWAII TO PLACE "ADOPT-A-MOM" DAY ON THEIR CALENDARS, AS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF MAY, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE ELDERLY WOMEN OF HAWAII WHO DESERVE TO BE CHERISHED AND APPRECIATED FOR THE INVALUABLE ROLE THEY PLAY AS THE MOTHERS OF OUR KEIKI O KA AINA.

State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Staffing. Addresses the Auditor's findings in Report No. 14-11, which recommended improvements to the management of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to ensure accountability, accessibility, and protection of its resources, by appropriating funds to establish four critically-needed full-time equivalent positions for the Foundation. [SB1177 SD1 HD1 CD1](#)

Veterans; Vehicle Registration Fee Exemption. Recognizes the sacrifices made by members of the United States Armed Forces by exempting qualifying veterans who are totally and permanently disabled from paying the annual vehicle registration fee for motor vehicles registered or renewed after January 1, 2016. [HB1153 SD2 CD1](#)

High School Diploma; War Time Interruption. Authorizes the Department of Education to continue, until June 30, 2020, awarding high school diplomas to qualified veterans who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory induction into active service in the Armed Services of the United States or to any person whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices such as internment during World War II. [SB181 SD1 HD1 CD1](#)

Hawaiian Hoary Bat; State Land Mammal. Raises awareness of the *ōpeʻapeʻa*, otherwise known as the Hawaiian hoary bat, as an endangered species and uniquely Hawaiian land mammal by establishing and designating the *ōpeʻapeʻa* as the official land mammal of the State. Enacted as Act 13, SLH 2015. [SB1183 SD1](#)

Official State Musical Instruments; Designation. Designates the *ʻukulele* and the *pahu* as the official *ʻauana* (modern) and *kahiko* (traditional) musical instruments of the State, respectively, in accordance with the results of the November 2014 WeVoteHawaii election, which offered all students in Hawaii the opportunity to vote on this issue. Passage of this measure sends the message to Hawaii's children and youth that their vote counts and they can make a difference. Enacted as Act 6, SLH 2015. [HB1275](#)

Sakada Day; Designation. Recognizes and acknowledges the historical significance of the arrival of the first sakadas, or Filipino plantation workers, in Hawaii and their valuable contributions to the State by designating December 20 of each year as "Sakada Day" in Hawaii. Enacted as Act 7, SLH 2015. [HB604](#)

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day; Designation. Recognizes Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi for his inspiration, tolerance, and enduring legacy by designating October 2 of each year as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day in Hawaii. Enacted as Act 5, SLH 2015. [SB332](#)

WATER & LAND

MEASURES PASSED
COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Measures passed by the Legislature are subject to Governor's veto and, if vetoed, will not become effective law without further legislative action.

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House Bills

<u>HB444 HD3 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO BEACH PROTECTION.
<u>HB830 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.
<u>HB1099 HD2 SD2</u>	RELATING TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING.
<u>HB1168 HD1 SD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE BOATING SPECIAL FUND.
<u>HB1325 HD1 SD1</u>	RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT.
<u>HB1366 SD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO STATE ACQUISITION OR DEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY.
<u>HB1410 HD1 SD1</u>	RELATING TO THE YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS.

Senate Bills

<u>SB284 SD2 HD2 CD1</u>	RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.
<u>SB504 SD2 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.
<u>SB1124 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO USE PERMITS FOR SMALL BOAT HARBORS.
<u>SB1299 HD1 CD1</u>	RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF TAX REVENUES.

House Concurrent Resolutions

<u>HCR34 HD1</u>	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIMANALO, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING SEAWALL AND STEPS.
<u>HCR73 SD1</u>	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT LAHAINA, MAUI FOR SEAWALL ENCROACHMENT PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AND AUTHORITY TO USE, MAINTAIN, REPAIR, AND REPLACE AN EXISTING SEAWALL OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS STATE-OWNED LAND IN LAHAINA, MAUI.

HCR130

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH ROYAL HAWAIIAN GOLF CLUB TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF OLD GOVERNMENT ROAD.

HCR141 HD1 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COUNTIES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN HAWAII.

HCR185 SD1

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FOUR TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS COVERING PORTIONS OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT STABLE ROAD BEACH, STABLE ROAD, SPRECKELSVILLE, WAILUKU, MAUI, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF FOUR EXISTING ROCK GROINS.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR2

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT TO KAHALUU POND, INC., FOR THE USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SEAWALL LOCATED AT KAHALUU, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, TMK: (1) 4-7-011: SEAWARD OF 001.

SCR14

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAHALUU, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING SEAWALL CONSTRUCTED THEREON.

SCR15

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAHUKU, KOOLAULO, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING DRAINAGE STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTED THEREON.

SCR16

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT HAUULA, KOOLAULO, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF PORTION OF THE EXISTING RESIDENCE, FOUNDATION, AND LANAI CONSTRUCTED THEREON.

SCR17

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOME, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING CRM WALL, LANDSCAPING AREA, FLOATING DOCK, AND CONCRETE PIER PURPOSES CONSTRUCTED THEREON.

SCR24 SD1

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM LEASE AND NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR PIER PILINGS ENCROACHMENT PURPOSES AT PULAWAI, ON THE ISLAND OF LANAI.

SCR25 SD1

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM LEASE AND NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE TIDE POOL STAIRS ENCROACHMENT PURPOSES IN THE MANELE-HULOPOE MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON THE ISLAND OF LANAI.

SCR82 SD1

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NONEXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS FRONTING THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY: (1) 3-6-001:017, WAIKIKI, HONOLULU, OAHU.

House Resolutions

HR79

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH ROYAL HAWAIIAN GOLF CLUB TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF OLD GOVERNMENT ROAD.

Turtle Bay; Conservation Easement; Reimbursable General Obligation Bonds. Protects 600 acres of pristine land on Oahu's North Shore from development and preserves access to five miles of culturally and ecologically important coastline in perpetuity by restructuring the financing mechanism for the State's acquisition of a conservation easement and other real property interests at Turtle Bay. This measure authorizes the issuance of \$35,000,000 in reimbursable general obligation bonds to fund the acquisition of the easement and allocates \$1,500,000 of Transient Accommodations Tax revenues annually for the payment of debt service on the bonds. This measure also delegates certain management functions relating to the reimbursement of debt service to a nonprofit land conservation organization.

The amendments in this measure to the funding structure and management process for the conservation easement at Turtle Bay that was originally authorized by Act 81, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, improve government efficiency and promote fiscal responsibility. Allocating management, administration, and oversight functions for the easement to the Department of Land and Natural Resources places these responsibilities with the state agency that has existing capacity and expertise to most effectively undertake the acquisition of the easement and manage the vital natural resources protected by it. Further, basing financing on general obligation bonds rather than revenue bonds, as contained in Act 81, is both lower-cost and more efficient in the short term and more stable in light of long-term market and revenue considerations. SB284 SD2 HD2 CD1

Historic Preservation; Private Residential Property Exemption. Exempts privately-owned single-family detached dwelling units and townhouses older than 50 years that are not entered on or nominated for entry on the Hawaii or National Register of Historic Places, or located in a historic district, from historic preservation review by the Department of Land and Natural Resources as a condition for State or county approval of projects or land use actions. HB830 HD1 SD1 CD1

State Acquisition; Real Property; Appropriation. Took steps to acquire much needed office space in urban Honolulu to accommodate state governmental agencies and offices by authorizing the State to enter into negotiations for the purchase of Ali'i Place, an office building in downtown Honolulu. Appropriates \$500,000 for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for costs incurred in connection with the transaction to acquire Ali'i Place. Authorizes the Department of Accounting and General Services to perform due diligence for the transaction. HB1366 SD2 CD1

Transient Accommodations Tax; Special Land and Development Fund; Appropriations. Strengthens the State's ability to conserve and restore beaches, which are critical natural resources as well as an important component of the State's tourism industry, by specifying that the \$3,000,000 annual set-aside of transient accommodations tax revenues for natural resource, facilities, and public land management and conservation activities in accordance with the Hawaii Tourism Authority's strategic plan may be spent on beach conservation, maintenance, and operations. Specifies that the set-aside amount shall be deposited into the Special Land and Development Fund under the management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, effective July 1, 2016, to facilitate the Department's access to funds. This measure also corrects a technical error in the current law that omitted expenditure authority for the transient accommodations tax set-aside by appropriating the \$3,000,000 set-aside to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for each of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Fiscal Year 2015-2016. HB444 HD3 SD2 CD1

Infrastructure Improvements; Planned Development. Sought to support infrastructure construction as the foundation for planned population growth by establishing the Infrastructure Capacity Construction Loan Revolving Fund to provide loans to counties, state agencies, or private developers for infrastructure improvements and appropriating funds for the administration and implementation of the Fund. However, this measure failed to gain Senate approval. [HB441](#)