

THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 17, 2021
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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A G E N D A

HB 459, HD2 (HSCR881) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE DISQUALIFICATION FOR SEVERE FORMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS. Adds a permanent commercial driver's license disqualification for a holder of a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit who is convicted of a felony involving a severe form of trafficking in persons. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD2)	CPN, JDC
HB 940, HD2 (HSCR880) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SECURITIES. Mandates reporting of suspected financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults in relation to securities. Provides immunity for good faith reporting. Authorizes the delay of disbursements and transactions in situations of suspected financial exploitation. Effective 7/1/3021. (HD2)	CPN, JDC
HB 171, HD1 (HSCR755) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO PROPERTY CRIMES. Changes the state of mind required for section 486M-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, penalties to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly. (HD1)	CPN, JDC
HB 1086, HD1 (HSCR825) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO VETERINARIANS. Provides veterinarians who provide emergency care to an animal immunity from civil liability in the absence of gross negligence. Provides veterinarians who render emergency treatment when there is no veterinarian-client-patient relationship immunity from civil liability in the absence of gross negligence. Requires veterinarians to report events of animal injury, death, or abuse to law enforcement where there is reasonable cause to believe that it relates to dogfighting or animal abuse and gives veterinarians immunity for civil liability for making the reports. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)	CPN, JDC

HB 78, HD1

(HSCR921)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO THE UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION OF
HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES.

CPN, WAM

Eliminates the requirement for a public utility to seek approval from the public utilities commission for the underground construction of high-voltage electric transmission lines if certain conditions are met. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair