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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 2, 2021  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A #3

The following measure has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB862 HD1**

[HB 1296](#)  
[\(HSCR616\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.  
Repeals the tobacco enforcement special fund, Hawaii tobacco settlement special fund, and Hawaii tobacco prevention and control trust fund and transfers unencumbered balances to the general fund. Appropriates general funds to the university revenue-undertakings fund.

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[HB 1297, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR345\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE FINANCES.

HHH, FIN

Makes certain special funds subject to deductions for central service expenses into the general fund. Repeals the community health centers special fund and emergency medical services special fund. Beginning 7/1/2021, transfers to the credit of the general fund any amounts allocated to those special funds, including amounts allocated from the cigarette tax and tobacco tax to those special funds. Beginning 7/1/2021 transfers to the credit of the general fund surcharges and cigarette tax revenue allocated to the trauma systems special fund. Makes a general fund appropriation to the department of health for operating expenses. (HD1)

[HB 1298](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

FIN

Transfers to the general fund the unencumbered balances of various non-general funds of the department of accounting and general services; department of agriculture; department of budget and finance; department of business, economic development, and tourism; department of commerce and consumer affairs; department of defense; department of education; department of Hawaiian home lands; department of health; department of human resources development; department of human services; judiciary; department of labor and industrial relations; department of land and natural resources; office of Hawaiian affairs; department of the attorney general; office of the governor; department of public safety; department of taxation; department of transportation; and university of Hawaii.

[HB 1299](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS.

FIN

Repeals various non-general funds of the department of agriculture; department of business, economic development, and tourism; department of land and natural resources; department of education; university of Hawaii; department of Hawaiian home lands; judiciary; department of human services; department of labor and industrial relations; department of accounting and general services; department of the attorney general; department of budget and finance; department of human resources development; office of the governor; department of commerce and consumer affairs; department of taxation; department of public safety; and office of Hawaiian affairs. Transfers unencumbered balances to the credit of the general fund.

**DECISION MAKING ONLY**

The following measure was previously heard on **February 23, 2021 at 2:00 pm**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 1119, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR613\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

HHH, FIN

Clarifies that social welfare organizations granted tax exempt status under 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code are subject to the same requirements of other charitable organizations that solicit funds from the public. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)

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The following measures were previously heard on **February 24, 2021 at 2:00 pm**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 613, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR478\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

EDN, FIN

Makes an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2020-2021 from elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund (ESSER funds) moneys received by the State from the CARES Act and CRRS Appropriations Act to offset any budget reductions that are identified or proposed by the department of education and the governor that would result in the reduction of personnel who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to chapter 89, HRS, and who are employed at the school level, including any budget reduction that results in a layoff, furlough, or pay reduction. Requires BOE and superintendent of education to certify in writing that BOE, superintendent, and DOE agree to certain conditions, including that the funds appropriated shall be used only for salaries and wages of officers and employees who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement and are employed at the school level. Makes an appropriation for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 from the same source of funding and with the same conditions. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD2)

[HB 1362, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR469\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING.

EDN, FIN

Establishes the Hawaii early childhood educator stipend program to address shortage of early childhood education educators. Extends certain effective dates for implementation of Act 46, SLH 2020. Requires the application of a uniform assessment for public and charter school kindergarten students. Allows educational data to be shared using an existing system. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

The following measure was previously heard on **February 25, 2021 at 11:00 am**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 58, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR337\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

WAL/HSG, FIN

Temporarily reallocates conveyance tax revenues for purposes of paying the principal and interest of general obligation bonds. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to be appropriated into and out of the land conservation fund and rental housing revolving fund. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

The following measures were previously heard on **February 25, 2021 at 12:00 pm**. No public testimony will be accepted.

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<a href="#">HB 321, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR116)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. Repeals the allocation of excess transient accommodations tax revenues to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund, for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii, for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance, to the tourism special fund for a safety and security budget, to the counties, and to the special land and development fund. Makes the allocations to the convention center enterprise special fund and tourism special fund unspecified amounts.	LAT, FIN
<a href="#">HB 131, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR482)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. Increases the amount of the tax credit for individuals and households and the adjusted gross income eligibility cap for the income tax credit for low-income household renters using tax brackets for individuals and different categories of households. Provides for inflation increases every three years based on the consumer price index. Applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2020. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)	HSG, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1314, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR584)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Authorizes each county to levy a county surcharge on transient accommodations tax if the county satisfies certain real property tax requirements. Repeals the allocation of transient accommodations tax revenue to the counties and makes conforming amendments. Establishes a residential property owner tax credit and a residential circuit breaker tax credit. Beginning with taxable years after 12/31/2021, gradually implements new individual income tax and corporation income tax brackets and rates in three-year intervals. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)	ECD, JHA, FIN
The following measure was previously heard on <b>February 26, 2021 at 11:00 am</b> . No public testimony will be accepted.		
<a href="#">HB 446, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR619)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. Establishes a new offense of theft of a catalytic converter. Requires vehicle registration records to be kept for businesses engaged in the selling or negotiating the purchase of used motor vehicle parts or accessories or licensed to wreck, salvage, or dismantle motor vehicles. Requires these businesses to refuse purchase of used motor vehicle parts or accessories and report the attempted sale to police if a seller does not provide certain information. Changes the fine for any violations of the used motor vehicle parts and accessories laws. Regulates the purchase of catalytic converters and catalytic converter metals by scrap dealers. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD2)	CPC, JHA, FIN
<a href="#">HB 862, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR440)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT. <b>Abolishes the office of aerospace development, aerospace advisory committee, and the Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site advisory board. Makes conforming amendments associated with the Pacific international space center for exploration systems. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)</b>	ECD, FIN

## **RECONSIDERATION OF PRIOR DECISION MAKING**

The following measure was previously heard on **February 26, 2021 at 11:00 am**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 776](#)  
[\(HSCR188\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE JHA, FIN  
REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST PUEO DEVELOPMENT, LLC.  
Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for a master  
planned development proposed by Pueo Development, LLC, on  
Hawaiian Home Lands.

## **DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW**

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

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Rep. Sylvia Luke  
Chair

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