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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 22, 2022
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 3025, SD2 (SSCR3135) Status	RELATING TO DIGITAL CURRENCY LICENSING PROGRAM. Establishes a program for the licensure, regulation, and oversight of digital currency companies. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD2)	CPC, FIN
SB 2695, SD2 (SSCR2791) Status	RELATING TO CRYPTOCURRENCY. Establishes a Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Task Force. (SD2)	CPC, FIN
SB 2076, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1064-22) Status	RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE. Establishes the Hawaii broadband infrastructure authority. Defines broadband equity within the Hawaii broadband and digital equity office. Appropriates federal and state funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)	HET, CPC, FIN



[SB 2385, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1141-22\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

Allows a purchasing agency to submit a request for alternative procurement approval from the chief procurement officer or chief procurement officer's designee if fewer than three qualified persons respond to a solicitation. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

GVR, CPC, FIN

[SB 3040, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1096-22\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

Establishes the state procurement automation system special fund. Authorizes the state procurement administrator to develop and administer procurement automation systems and assess, charge, and collect a transaction fee from all vendors using the procurement automation systems. Deletes language regarding qualified community rehabilitation programs made redundant by Act 55, SLH 2021. Appropriates funds for hiring of staff. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

GVR, CPC, FIN

[SB 3369, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1097-22\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

Establishes a procurement services consolidation working group, which shall develop a plan for the phased in consolidation, under the state procurement office, of all state executive branch procurement services and staff within 5 years, except those of the Hawaii health systems corporation, University of Hawaii, and office of Hawaiian affairs. Requires the working group to recommend ways to attract high-quality procurement professionals to the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

GVR, CPC, FIN

[SB 3372, SD1, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1098-22\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.

Authorizes, where it is determined that a solicitation or award of a contract is in violation of law, the government contract to be rescinded and awarded to the next lowest responsive, responsible bidder to whom the contract would have been awarded were it not for the violation of law, as applicable or as directed by the office of administrative hearings. Effective 7/1/2112. (HD1)

GVR, CPC, FIN

[SB 2644, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1040-22\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

Extends until 6/30/2033 Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, as extended by Act 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, which provides a limited exemption to the licensing requirements for certain individuals in situations when an electric utility must retain qualified individuals to work with high voltage (six hundred volts or higher) who are not licensed in the State but are otherwise deemed qualified by the electric utility, provided that the public utility certifies to the board of electricians and plumbers that, after a hiring call, no electrician sufficiently qualified and licensed in the State to perform high voltage electrical work applied to timely perform or complete the necessary job or task before the public utility recruited outside the State. Makes permanent the requirement for the board of electricians and plumbers to submit to the legislature annual reports relating to high voltage electrical work. Effective 7/1/2030. (HD1)

LAT, CPC, FIN



<u>SB 3126, SD2, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1043-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE BOILER AND ELEVATOR SAFETY LAW. Requires the director of labor and industrial relations to appoint a chief boiler and pressure vessel inspector. Allows the director of labor and industrial relations to authorize qualified boiler inspectors who are in the exclusive employment of an owner-user inspection organization to perform safety inspections of pressure retaining items. Extends the time by which the director of labor and industrial relations is required to reimburse the general fund for the initial appropriation made to the boiler and elevator revolving fund from 10 to 13 years from the date that the fund was established. (HD1)	LAT, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 3128, SD2</u> <u>(HSCR1041-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND. Amends the definition of Adequate Reserve Fund for calendar years 2023 through 2030 to exclude the Benefit Cost Rate from June 2020 through August 2021. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	LAT, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 3129, SD1</u> <u>(HSCR1115-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TRUST FUND. Appropriates funds into the unemployment compensation trust fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	LAT, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 3142, SD1</u> <u>(HSCR1042-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW. Amends the title of chapter 386, part V, subpart C, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to add reserve public safety law enforcement officers, and amends section 386-181, HRS, to include reserve public safety law enforcement officers to the list of volunteer occupations covered under the workers' compensation law. Allows reserve public safety law enforcement officers who are injured under the conditions specified in section 386-3, HRS, to receive workers' compensation. Adds reserve public safety law enforcement officers to the list of volunteers who are covered under the conditions for computing average weekly wages. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	LAT, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 3289, SD2, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1114-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS. Establishes the Hawaii retirement savings program, administered by the Hawaii retirement savings board, in consultation with the department of labor and industrial relations and department of budget and finance, to provide a state-facilitated payroll-deduction individual retirement savings plan to private sector employees who do not have access to employer-sponsored retirement savings plans beginning on an implementation date to be determined by the board. Requires an implementation and evaluation study, followed by an implementation strategy and timetable, prior to implementation of the program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)	LAT, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 2032, SD2, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1082-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY. Establishes the Hawaii Genetic Information Privacy Act. Requires direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies to adhere to certain requirements pertaining to the collection, use, and disclosure of genetic data. Deems any violation as an unfair or deceptive trade practice subject to associated penalties. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)	HHH, CPC, JHA



<u>SB 2276, SD2, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1074-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ACUPUNCTURE. Makes comprehensive updates to chapter 436E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding acupuncture practitioners to reflect modernized scopes of practice, titles, and licensing and renewal requirements. Beginning with the renewal for the licensing biennium commencing 7/1/2025, requires licensees to obtain thirty hours of continuing education per licensing biennium. Allows the board of acupuncture to issue licenses by reciprocity. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)	HHH, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 2375, SD1, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1076-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SOCIAL WORK. Requires the department of public safety, in collaboration with the department of human services, to develop and establish a social work training program to assist incarcerated nonviolent individuals in the area of social work. Requires progress reports on the program to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)	HHH, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 2624, SD2, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1081-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires the department of health to implement a telehealth pilot project and publish an evaluation report on the telehealth pilot project outcomes. Exempts the telehealth pilot project from public procurement requirements for a period of twelve months, with certain conditions. Requires the department to implement and administer a rural health care pilot project to provide physicians and nurse practitioners serving selected rural areas with an availability fee and reimbursements for certain expenses and submit to the legislature an evaluation report on the rural health care pilot project outcomes. Appropriates funds to support the pilot projects. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)	HHH, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 3248, SD1, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1079-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AMBULANCES. Appropriates funds to the department of health to purchase one advanced life support ambulance and related equipment, to be based on the island of Molokai, and pay related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)	HHH, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 2196, SD2, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1152-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS. After January 1, 2023, prohibits the issuance of a building permit for any new multi-family residential building that has ten or more parking stalls, unless those stalls are electric vehicle charger ready. Requires cooperative housing corporations, homeowners associations, planned community associations, and condominium associations to develop plans to incorporate zero-emissions infrastructure, including electric vehicle charging systems, onto any of its residential properties that are constructed after January 1, 2023. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 2474, SD2, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1151-22)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish reliability standards and interconnection requirements for renewable energy projects and community-based renewable energy projects. Effective 7/1/2100. (HD1)	EEP, CPC, FIN



[SB 2483, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1148-22\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Requires the Hawaii natural energy institute to evaluate the benefits and costs of dispatching renewable energy resources considering the context of ongoing state energy planning efforts. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN

[SB 2510, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1150-22\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Amends the Hawaii State Planning Act to give consideration to reducing reliance on energy imports, ensuring that all new utility scale electricity generation projects are renewable, balancing of grid resources including firm renewable energy resources, reliable replacement of fossil fuel generation with balanced grid resources, prohibiting fossil fuel generation after 12/31/2045 except in certain circumstances, and expanding vocational training in renewable energy and related industries. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN

[SB 2720, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1147-22\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Allows new electric vehicle charging stations and certain upgrades having a single port to qualify for a rebate. Removes the \$500,000 cap on the electric vehicle charging station rebate program. Specifies that no rebates shall be approved after available funds are exhausted for the fiscal year. Increases flexibility of the Public Utilities Commission to administer the electric vehicle charging station rebate program. Increases the percentage of funds that the Public Utilities Commission may use for administration of the rebate program from ten per cent to fifteen per cent. Allows for marketing and outreach expenses to be included within allowable administration costs of the electric vehicle charging station rebate program. Appropriates funds out of the electric vehicle charging system subaccount for the electric vehicle charging system rebate program. Effective 7/1/2100. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

