

THE SENATE
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[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY](#)
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 3, 2022
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Via 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

SB 2210 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Requires the Chief Election Officer, with assistance from the county clerks for elections that involve county offices and countywide ballot issues, to publish and distribute a voters' pamphlet. Appropriates moneys to allow the Chief Election Officer to publish and distribute a voters' pamphlet for each election.	JDC, WAM
SB 2178 Status & Testimony	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE AGE QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING IN STATE OR LOCAL ELECTIONS. Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow individuals who are seventeen years of age but will be eighteen years of age on or before the next state or local general election to vote at the state or local primary election immediately preceding the state or local general election by which the citizen will attain the age of eighteen, and at any co-occurring or intervening special election.	JDC, WAM
SB 2162 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING. Establishes ranked choice voting for special federal elections and special elections of vacant county council seats.	JDC, WAM
SB 2392 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES. Appropriates funds for the Judiciary to purchase civil legal services for low and moderate income persons.	JDC, WAM

<u>SB 2406</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS. Defines the term "public interest" with regard to the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds.	JDC, WAM
<u>SB 2486</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 10, 11, 12, 15, AND 16 OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION. Establishes a continuous legislature. Requires the legislature to convene at least once a month. Removes language regarding special sessions, adjournment, and recesses. Creates a two-year deadline for a bill to be submitted for gubernatorial consideration. Standardizes the number of days that the governor must approve or veto a bill submitted for consideration. Requires bills returned by the governor to be heard by the legislature within an unspecified number of days for the bill for the bill to be further amended. Requires the passage of the legislative budget in an unspecified number of days before the end of each fiscal year.	JDC, WAM
<u>SB 2377</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO STATE TAX EXAMINATIONS. Establishes a penalty for failure to respond to an inquiry or request during a state tax examination.	JDC, WAM
<u>SB 2663</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO FILING FEES. Changes the filing fee schedule for paternity actions by establishing an initial filing fee of \$100 and eliminating fees to file motions.	JDC, WAM
<u>SB 3041</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. Makes appropriations and approves payments for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees.	JDC, WAM
<u>SB 3046</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. Makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of the Attorney General for retention of expert witnesses and specialized legal counsel in major litigation against the State of Hawaii.	JDC, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- The number of videoconference testifiers and/or time allotted to each testifier may be limited by the Chair when necessary to adhere to the committee hearing schedule. We may not be able to accommodate everyone who requests to testify remotely.
- Videoconference testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **2 minutes** each.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair