

THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
TIME: 9:40 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE TO THE STATE CAPITOL  
BUILDING HOURS: 7AM TO 5PM, MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Face masks are recommended while visiting the State Capitol and may be required in some offices.  
Please refer to posted signage for guidance.

These policies are subject to change and may be adjusted based on evolving COVID-19 guidelines.  
Please check the Legislature's website for updates [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

*The Legislature is accepting written, videoconference, and in-person testimony at public hearings.*  
A live stream of all Senate Standing Committee meetings will be available on the [Senate YouTube Channel](#).

A G E N D A

<a href="#">SB 495</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO BUILDING CODES. Extends the time each county has to amend and adopt the Hawaii state building codes from two years to six years.	JDC, WAM
<a href="#">SB 179</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES. Renames the statewide and county-level voters with special needs advisory committees to elections accessibility needs advisory committees. Recognizes that voting accessibility needs may arise from disabilities other than those of a physical nature.	JDC
<a href="#">SB 182</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS. Establishes that certain candidates shall file disclosures of financial interests no later than 10 days after the nomination filing deadline. Establishes that the unauthorized release of confidential financial disclosure information is subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Amends the fines imposed and procedures relating to disclosures of financial interests.	JDC
<a href="#">SB 805</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO LOBBYING. Amends the definitions of "administrative action" and "lobbying" in Chapter 97, HRS.	JDC

<p><b><u>SB 197</u></b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW.</p> <p>Increases the amount of fine from \$1,000 to \$5,000 that may be assessed against a noncandidate committee making only independent expenditures that has received at least 1 contribution of more than \$10,000, or spent more than \$10,000 in an election period, for campaign spending law violations. Allows the Campaign Spending Commission to order the fine be up to 3 times the amount of the unlawful contribution or expenditure, and to order that the payment of the fine assessed against a noncandidate committee, or any portion thereof, be paid from the personal funds of an officer of the noncandidate committee.</p>	<p>JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 226</u></b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.</p> <p>Adds a new section to Chapter 801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishing circumstances in which the presence of a defendant is required for court proceedings or may be waived.</p>	<p>JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 228</u></b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO FRAUD.</p> <p>Establishes the offense of fraud as a class B felony. Establishes the offense of making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim against the State or a county as a class C felony. Establishes the offense of the use of false statements or entries in matters within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branches of the State as a class C felony.</p>	<p>JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 977</u></b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Proposed SD1</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.</p> <p>Allows for judicial review of orders fixing minimum terms of imprisonment. Specifies that in any civil action brought by the petitioner seeking compensation of any kind or nature whatsoever as a result of, related to, or arising from a conviction and imprisonment for crimes for which the person was actually innocent, any recovery will offset, dollar for dollar, the total award made in the civil action against whom claims are asserted. Repeals section 661B-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes. (Proposed SD1)</p> <p>Copies of the proposed SD 1 are available from the Senate Document Center and on the Legislature's website:  <a href="http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov">www.capitol.hawaii.gov</a>.</p>	<p>JDC</p>
<p><b><u>SB 669</u></b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CANNABIS.</p> <p>Establishes regulations for the cultivation, sale, and personal use of small amounts of cannabis. Decriminalizes and regulates small amounts of cannabis for personal use. Establishes taxes for cannabis sales.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 719</u></b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES.</p> <p>Gives the Office of Information Practices the discretion to resolve disputes about open records or open meetings either through an opinion or, when the opinion would likely be in favor of the agency, through informal written guidance. Appropriates funding for the Office of Information Practices to hire two new full-time positions for a Legal Assistant and Attorney.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

All testimony received by the Hawai'i Senate is posted on the Hawai'i Legislature's website, which is accessible to the public. Please do not include private information that you do not want disclosed to the public.

Please go to the Legislature's website, [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov), to submit **written testimony** at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Create a free account on the website, or sign in to an existing account, then click on the "Participate" drop down menu and select the "Submit Testimony" option to get started. While submitting your written testimony, you will be prompted to indicate if you would also like to testify at the hearing in-person or remotely via videoconference.

Please note the following:

- The number of oral 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 orally.
- Testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **2 minutes** each.

If you wish to **testify via videoconference** during the hearing, please review the detailed step-by-step instructions for testimony procedures before you submit your written testimony. Here's a direct link to the instructions: <https://capitol.hawaii.gov/docs/testimonyinstructions.pdf>

For general help navigating the committee hearing process, please contact the Public Access Room at (808) 587-0478 or [par@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:par@capitol.hawaii.gov). You can also visit their website at <https://lrh.hawaii.gov/par/>.

For special assistance: The cable TV broadcast and/or live stream of this meeting will include closed captioning. If you require other auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., interpretive services (oral or written) or ASL interpreter), or are unable to submit testimony via the website due to a disability, please contact the committee at [JDCcommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JDCcommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

For amended notices: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT (808) 587-7211.

---

Senator Karl Rhoads  
Chair