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REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 149

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PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION. JDC, WAM

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 to be further amended. Requires the passage of the legislative budget within an unspecified number of days before the end of each fiscal year.

SB 167

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RELATING TO THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION. JDC, WAM
Establishes an investigator position in the Campaign Spending Commission. Appropriates funds.

SB 170

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE ZERO TO THREE COURT. JDC, WAM
Establishes a Zero to Three Court Program Coordinator position. Expands the Zero to Three Court to the Third Circuit. Appropriates funds.

<p><u>SB 400</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE.</p> <p>Restricts civil asset forfeiture to cases involving the commission of a felony offense where the property owner has been convicted of an underlying felony offense. Directs forfeiture proceeds to the general fund. Amends the allowable expenses for moneys in the criminal forfeiture fund. Requires the Attorney General to adopt rules necessary to carry out the purpose of the Hawaii Omnibus Criminal Forfeiture Act. Amends the deadline for the Attorney General to report to the Legislature on the use of the Hawaii Omnibus Criminal Forfeiture Act. Limits the transfer of certain forfeiture property to federal agencies. Establishes records requirements.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 813</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO COURT INTERPRETERS.</p> <p>Requires the Judiciary to increase the hourly fees, mileage reimbursement rate, and commuter-time compensation rate for court interpreters. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 903</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE.</p> <p>Requires the judiciary or supporting agencies to establish and support a program for restorative justice in each county and inform various criminal justice representatives of the existence of the program. Appropriates funds for the establishment of one program and one position in each county.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 917</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.</p> <p>Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that freedom of speech protected under the Hawaii State Constitution does not include the expenditure of money to influence elections.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 925</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO A WEALTH ASSET TAX.</p> <p>Establishes a wealth asset tax of one per cent of the state net worth of each individual taxpayer who holds \$20,000,000 or more in assets in the State.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 927</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4 AND 6, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING REAPPORTIONMENT.</p> <p>Proposes a constitutional amendment to specify that reapportionment shall be based on the resident population, as counted in the most recent decennial United States census.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair