HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2024**

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 6, 2024

TIME: 02:00 p.m.

PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

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<u>A G E N D A</u>

HB 2554 Status	RELATING TO PHARMACIES. Requires pharmacies, other than on-site pharmacies in institutional facilities, to make a pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, pharmacy employee, or an employee of the retail establishment the pharmacy is located in available to assist a registered pharmacist at all times the pharmacy is open to the public.	CPC, FIN
HB 2411 Status	RELATING TO HEALTH. Renames the Hawaii Health Corps Program to the Hawaii Rural Healthcare Provider Loan Program.	CPC
HB 2481 Status	RELATING TO TIME SHARE COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS. Repeals the time share commissioners of deeds.	CPC

HB 2523 Status

RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITY LINEMAN.

CPC, FIN

Beginning 1/1/2027, establishes licensing requirements, including minimum standards and qualifications, for journey worker electric utility linemen and expands the board of electricians and plumbers to include members engaged in electric utility work. Sunsets the original limited exemption from licensing requirements for qualified electricians that was originally enacted by Act 65, SLH 2013, and

extended pursuant to Act 60, SLH 2018.

HB 2742 Status

RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE.

CPC, FIN

Establishes an alternative process for the termination of the rental agreement that involves mediation. Requires the Governor to notify the Chief Justice, Legislature, and Revisor of Statutes when the final wildfire proclamation will expire. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Appropriates funds.

HB 2313 Status

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

CPC, FIN

Repeals the cutoff date of Act 187, SLH 2013, as amended by Act 196, SLH 2018, that allowed the use of funds in the Condominium Education Trust Fund initially dedicated to support voluntary binding arbitration to be used for other educational purposes.

HB 2286 Status

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS.

CPC, FIN

Requires fees for attorneys retained by a condominium association to be paid from the association's funds or reserves, except in matters involving the collection of delinquent assessments. Prohibits associations from assessing, demanding, or seeking reimbursement from unit owners for legal fees that are in excess of twenty-five per cent of the original debt. Requires attorneys retained by an association to confine their communications to the board, except when requesting essential information from unit owners, and refrain from billing unit owners directly. Requires attorneys retained by an association for debt collection purposes to abide by the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Requires certain information to be included in each billing statement sent by the attorneys retained by an association. Clarifies that costs and expenses incurred by or on behalf of an association for foreclosing on a lien must be promptly paid on demand, as long as thirty days have elapsed since a notice of default and intention to foreclose has been served on a unit owner.

HB 2213 Status

RELATING TO THE CONTRACTOR REPAIR ACT.

CPC, JHA

Expands the required contents of a notice of claim of construction defect served on a contractor. Requires the claimant to provide actual evidence of the nature and cause of the construction defect and extent of necessary repairs along with the notice of claim. Amends the process and timeframe for a claimant to accept a contractor's proposal to inspect and authorize the contractor to proceed with repairs. Limits the amount a claimant can recover if the claimant unreasonably rejects a contractor's proposal to inspect or an offer to remedy.

DECISION MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **January 30, 2024.** No public testimony will be accepted.

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HB 1573 Status

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

CPC, JHA

Caps the primary and secondary ticket seller service charges that may be added on to event ticket prices. Requires website operators to guarantee refunds in certain circumstances and disclose that the website is not the primary ticket seller. Prohibits speculative tickets and the usage of bots.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least <u>24 hours</u> 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.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

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Rep. Mark M. Nakashima Chair

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