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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 7, 2024
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1610](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS.

JHA, FIN

Imposes a cap on costs charged to reproduce certain government records. Waives reproduction costs charged for the first one hundred pages if disclosure serves the public interest. Waives costs charged to duplicate certain government records in an electronic format. Imposes a cap on costs charged to search for, review, and segregate records. Provides for a waiver of fees when a record's disclosure serves the public interest.

[HB 1975](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW.

JHA, FIN

Establishes accessibility standards for the distribution of public documents and media presentations by boards as defined in section 92-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.



<u>HB 2482</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES. Mandates the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices and deletes the requirement to post notices in a central location in a public building.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1881</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES. Updates the maximum administrative fines allowed for violations of chapters 84 and 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2340</u> <u>Status</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.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2349</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ABOLITION OF JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY FOR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES IN HIGHWAY-RELATED CIVIL ACTIONS. Amends section 663-10.5, HRS, to abolish joint and several liability for government entities in claims and cases relating to the maintenance and design of highways under chapter 663, HRS, so that government entities are only liable in certain cases for the percentage share of the damages they actually caused.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1674</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Authorizes candidates and their candidate committees to donate residual campaign funds to the general fund of the State or to the real property tax general fund of any county of the State.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1845</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS. Increases the amount of partial public campaign financing available for all state and county elective offices. Amends section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by increasing the maximum amount of public funds available for all offices by 50%. Increases the maximum amount of public funds available for a candidate for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from \$1,500 to 10% of the expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d), HRS, for each election. Amends section 11-429(a), HRS, by increasing the amounts of qualifying contributions for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from more than \$1,500 in the aggregate to more than \$5,000 in the aggregate. Provides a downward adjustment of the amounts of qualifying contributions for the office of prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, and County of Kauai and for the office of county council member for the County of Maui. Provides for an unspecified appropriation to pay for the increase in the partial public financing program. Provides for an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 for the Commission to hire two additional staff members. Declares that general fund expenditure ceiling will be exceeded.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1774, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR12-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS. Establishes a silver alert program within the Department of Law Enforcement to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HUS, JHA, FIN



[HB 1981, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR42-24\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. TRN, JHA, FIN
Specifies that a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations shall be disbursed to the county that enforced the violation. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB 1638, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR26-24\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS. LGO, JHA, FIN
Authorizes the counties to require employers to disclose information regarding its employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status and deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status, under certain conditions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB 1643, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR8-24\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS. LGO, JHA, FIN
Shortens the time within which a disbursing officer must notify an employee of indebtedness to the government resulting from salary or wage overpayment. Amends the criteria for an actionable cause of action. Amends the amount a disbursing officer shall deduct to begin immediate recovery of indebtedness based on an employee's gross income. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB 2199, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR52-24\)](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. LGO, JHA, FIN
Amends chapter 202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be consistent with Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021. Renames "Hawaii Workforce Development Council" to "Hawaii Workforce Development Board". Requires the Hawaii Workforce Development Board and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with federal law and regulations. Requires the Governor to select the chairperson of the Board from among the seventeen private sector members. Requires the Hawaii Workforce Development Board to assist the Governor in coordinating local workforce development boards to improve the workforce development system. Repeals the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **1/30/2024 at 2:00PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 1766](#)
[Status](#) RELATING TO ELECTIONS. JHA
Prohibits the distribution of electioneering communications before an election that a person knows or should have known are deceptive and fraudulent deepfakes of a candidate or party.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** 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.



The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

Committees meeting in the morning must adjourn prior to the day's Floor Session. Therefore, due to time constraints, not all testifiers may be provided an opportunity to offer verbal comments. However, written submissions will be considered by the committee.

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FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair

