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AMENDED NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective subject matter committees:

SB 1170, SD1 (SSCR2209) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREDITS. Requires the counties to issue affordable housing credits for affordable housing units that are constructed pursuant to chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Repeals on June 30, 2031. (SD1)	HOU, WAM
SB 2202, SD1 (SSCR2503) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SMALL PURCHASES. Increases the minimum amount for purchases constituting small purchase procurements from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Sets a small purchase procurement minimum amount of \$75,000 for federally declared disaster areas; provided that such procurements are reported to the State Procurement Office. Requires a report to the Legislature. Takes effect 1/1/2112. (SD1)	GVO, WAM
SB 2319 (SSCR2122) Status & Testimony	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES. Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from 70 to 75 years.	JDC, WAM

<p><u>SB 2401, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2492)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS.</u> <u>Makes an appropriation to each county as a grant-in-aid for the implementation of feral chicken control programs. Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health for a feeding of feral animals education campaign. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>HHS/AEN, WAM</u> <u>[Measure added on <02-26-24>]</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2406, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2524)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.</u> <u>Requires contracts entered into by the Hawaii Tourism Authority for management of the Hawaii Convention Center facility to include marketing for all uses of the facility. Requires HTA to submit a report. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>EET, WAM</u> <u>[Measure added on <02-26-24>]</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2474, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2713)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE.</u> <u>Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish and administer a family leave insurance program. Provides family leave insurance benefits and extends the period of family leave to sixteen weeks for businesses that employ one or more employees who meet the hourly qualifications. Eliminates the previous threshold of one hundred employees for employers to be subject to the family leave law. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>LBT/HHS, WAM</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2501, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2383)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.</u> <u>Requires the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to prioritize the protection of exceptional trees from invasive species. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>AEN/WTL, WAM</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2526, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2708)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.</u> <u>Requires the Technology Services Consolidation Working Group, established by Act 179, SLH 2022, to assist the Office of Information Technology Services in working with certain state agencies to inventory and categorize the business criticality of each major state information technology systems or data set and determine the appropriate data center or hosting facility requirements. Requires a report to the Legislature. Extends the working group's dissolution date to 6/30/2026. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>LBT/GVO, WAM</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2536, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2501)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES AND RECIPROCITY.</u> <u>Establishes a new accounting services procurement preference for certain Hawaii accounting service businesses. Clarifies that the existing reciprocity procurement preference includes offerors under section 103D-303, HRS. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>GVO, WAM</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2599, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2432)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION.</u> <u>Prohibits a board or commission from authorizing a base salary for a position and prohibits an employee from receiving a base salary, in excess of the amount designated in the budget enacted by the Legislature or other legislative enactment, unless approved by the Legislature. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>LBT, WAM</u></p>

<p><u>SB 2731</u> <u>(SSCR2455)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS.</u> <u>Creates license plates to honor veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Conflicts.</u></p>	<p><u>PSM/TCA, WAM</u> <u>[Measure added on <02-26-24>]</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2782, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2274)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATED TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.</u> <u>Requires the Office of Enterprise Technology to develop multilingual accessibility standards. Appropriates funds to establish one full-time position (1.0 FTE) to develop multilingual accessibility standards within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>LBT, WAM</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2787, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2276)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO IMMIGRATION.</u> <u>Establishes within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Office of Community Services the Immigration Services and Access Unit. Declares that the general fund expenditure is exceeded. Establishes positions. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>LBT, WAM</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2836, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2515)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY.</u> <u>Establishes within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery to coordinate and facilitate Maui's permanent housing recovery and facilitate consultation and collaboration between state and county agencies on housing recovery initiatives for the island of Maui. Designates the executive director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to serve as chair of the council. Declares that the appropriation ceiling exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Makes an appropriation. Sunsets 6/30/2034. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>HOU, WAM</u> <u>[Measure added on <02-26-24>]</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2866</u> <u>(SSCR2716)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.</u> <u>Requires governmental bodies of the executive branch of the State to develop an online project management platform by a certain date.</u></p>	<p><u>GVO/LBT, WAM</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2885, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2580)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.</u> <u>Establishes a Homeless Triage Center Program Working Group within the Statewide Office of Homelessness and Housing Solutions in the Department of Human Services. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>HHS, WAM</u></p>
<p><u>SB 2890, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2268)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.</u> <u>Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to develop or license cloud-based software for use by each state department or agency to track the status of its capital improvement projects and provide training for the software. Requires each department or agency to use the software to track the status of its capital improvement projects. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</u></p>	<p><u>LBT, WAM</u> <u>[Measure added on <02-26-24>]</u></p>

<p><u>SB 2942, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2707)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF A MINOR. Allows minors under the age of sixteen to work in theatrical employment provided that the employer procures a valid certificate of employment, and the minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a certain responsible adult. Requires a nurse certified in basic life support to accompany, supervise, and advocate on behalf of an infant on set who is under the age one. Requires a studio teacher to accompany, teach, and attend to the well-being of minors who have attained the age of five years and are required to but have been excused from attending school. Defines "nurse" and "studio teacher". Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>LBT/EET, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2974, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2522)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes a Business Revitalization Task Force within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to identify methods to improve Hawaii's general economic competitiveness and business climate, including by mitigating regulatory and tax burdens. Requires a report to the Legislature. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3000, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2717)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms in public buildings maintained by the department. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)</p>	<p>GVO/HHS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3067, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2561)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO THE HURRICANE RESERVE TRUST FUND.</u> <u>Moves the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund into the state treasury and makes other housekeeping amendments relating to the Fund. (SD1).</u></p>	<p>CPN, WAM <u>[Measure added on <02-26-24>]</u></p>
<p><u>SB 3070</u> <u>(SSCR2431)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING PERIOD. Lowering the Employees' Retirement System's funding period to amortize the System's total unfunded accrued liability.</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3084, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2390)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD. Exempts Hawaii National Guard service members activated by the Governor or the Governor's designated representative to state active duty from enrollment in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM/LBT, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3085, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2391)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD. Authorizes the payment of allowances for TRICARE Reserve Select coverages to junior officers, warrant officers, or enlisted personnel of the Hawaii National Guard ordered to active duty for more than thirty days in service to the State. (SD1)</p>	<p>PSM, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3103, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2578)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO ENERGY. Requires attestation or declaration regarding project labor standards for large-scale renewable energy projects, including state-approved apprenticeship programs and prevailing wage requirements. (SD1)</p>	<p>EET/LBT, WAM</p>

<p><u>SB 3116, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2476)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM. Establishes that the priority of selection for program participation shall be applicable through the priority application period that occurs prior to the start of each program year. Establishes that applications received after the start of the program year through January 31 shall be processed continuously through the program year on a first-come, first-served basis. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3120, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2337)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.</u> Establishes, exempt from chapter 76, HRS, the position of a Housing Policy and Program Coordinator in the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, whose salary shall be set by the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Clarifies that the employment of certain positions and the adjustment of salaries are authorized by the Executive Director and not the Board of Directors. Deletes the wage ceiling requirement for positions in the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. (SD1)</p>	<p><u>HOU, WAM</u> <u>[Measure added on <02-26-24>]</u></p>
<p><u>SB 3183, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2680)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO ROAD USAGE CHARGE PROGRAM. Provides authority for a county to impose a mileage-based road usage charge. Provides for disposition of funds of county mileage-based road usage charge. Clarifies the disposition of funds of state mileage-based road usage charge. Repeals the maximum amount a driver will pay in a mileage-based road usage charge on June 30, 2028. (SD1)</p>	<p>TCA, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3207, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2181)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Increases the Superintendent of Education's salary cap to not more than \$300,000. Makes permanent the annual performance evaluation requirements for the Superintendent of Education. (SD1)</p>	<p>EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3217</u> <u>(SSCR2436)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. Requires the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund base composite monthly contribution to be adjusted annually beginning 1/1/2025 by increasing the contribution in effect on 1/1/2024 by 5.2 per cent, and thereafter based on the changes in Medicare part B premiums for the previous plan year.</p>	<p>LBT, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 3239, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2448)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p><u>RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT.</u> Requires the Office of Wellness and Resilience to design and implement a three-year pilot program in collaboration with health care providers to acquire and forgive outstanding medical debt. Requires a report to the Legislature. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p><u>HHS/CPN, WAM</u> <u>[Measure added on <02-26-24>]</u></p>
<p><u>SB 3290, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2576)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to convene a working group to study the state of American Sign Language in Hawaii. Requires the Department of Health to assist the working group in the preparation of a report to submit to the Legislature. (SD1)</p>	<p>HHS, WAM</p>

[SB 3381, SD1](#)

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RELATING TO LAHAINA.

EET/WTL, WAM

Establishes the Lele Community District and Board to facilitate rebuilding in Lahaina. Establishes the Lele Community Special Fund. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes appropriations. Takes effect 1/1/2060. (SD1)

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