

THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

**MEASURES DEFERRED TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2026  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: GVO

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

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A G E N D A

**SB 2064**

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RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.  
Establishes within the Department of Accounting and General Services the Office of the State Architect, directed by a State Architect appointed by the Governor. Requires the State Architect to organize, manage, and oversee the design review of all state construction projects and issue design approvals for traditional design-bid-build state construction projects. Requires an annual report to the Governor and Legislature. Authorizes the Department of Accounting and General Services to oversee design review services for state construction projects and issue certain design approvals through the State Architect. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050.

GVO, WAM

**SB 2662**

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RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.  
Requires each purchasing agency to provide justification for hiring external consultants. Caps the amount each agency can spend on external consultants. Requires each agency to seek approval from the Legislature for consulting contracts exceeding a certain dollar amount. Requires each agency to disclose new contracts with external consultants. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Requires the Compliance Audit Unit within the Office of the Auditor to conduct regular audits of agency consultant contracts to assess cost-effectiveness and compliance. Establishes exceptions. Requires each chief procurement officer to ensure that inherent government functions are not delegated to a contractor.

GVO, WAM

**SB 2862**

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RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS.

GVO, JDC

Requires any person appointed by the Governor to serve in the Executive Branch in a position that is not subject to the civil service law to obtain the advice and consent of the Senate if that person's salary is greater than \$160,000 and is not paid from the budget of the Office of the Governor. Requires persons currently serving in positions made subject to the advice and consent of the Senate by this Act to obtain the advice and consent of the Senate during the Regular Session of 2027.

**SB 2343**

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RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

GVO, WAM

Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau, in collaboration with the Department of Budget and Finance, to conduct a study on the costs, savings, and potential productivity changes of transitioning to a continuous legislative calendar. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

**SB 2075**

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.

GVO, WAM

Requires purchasing agencies to apply a local preference to Hawaii businesses in evaluating bids or proposals. Establishes criteria for a Hawaii business to qualify for a local preference. Establishes tiered local preference percentages to be applied based on bid price. Establishes procedures for contract awardees who fail to meet or maintain the preference criteria.

**SB 2781**

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RELATING TO LEI.

GVO, CPN/WAM

Requires and establishes benchmarks for each state executive agency to ensure that a certain percentage of lei purchased by that executive agency consists of lei made entirely of natural objects and plant materials grown, harvested, and assembled in the State. Establishes labeling requirements for lei and lei materials.

**Decision making meeting only, no public testimony will be accepted.**

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**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.

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