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COMMITTEE REFERRALS

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Committee Abbreviations:

AGR - Agriculture & Food Systems	HSG - Housing
CAA - Culture & Arts	HSH - Human Services & Homelessness
CPC - Consumer Protection & Commerce	JHA - Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
ECD - Economic Development & Technology	LAB - Labor
EDN - Education	LMG - Legislative Management
EEP - Energy & Environmental Protection	PBS - Public Safety
FIN - Finance	TOU - Tourism
HED - Higher Education	TRN - Transportation
HLT - Health	WAL - Water & Land

		<u>Committee REFERRAL</u>
HB2317	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S AUTHORITY TO REGULATE FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS. Removes duplicative food-related statutory material and aligns all food-related provisions under chapter 328, HRS. Ensures adequate statutory authority for permits, fees, inspections, and enforcement.	HLT, CPC
HB2318	RELATING TO INDEPENDENT AUDITS OF DEPOSIT BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS. Limits the independent audit requirement to deposit beverage distributors who distribute 2,000,000 or more deposit beverage containers a year. Identifies frequency of obtaining and submitting independent audits based on quantities of deposit beverage containers imported, manufactured, or distributed. Creates minimum requirements for independent audits.	EEP, FIN

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<u>HB2319</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. Amends the functions and responsibilities of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Adds a new definition of "health care." Amends the exemption threshold for bed changes to up to thirty per cent of existing licensed bed types. Exempts the Department of Health from certificate of need requirements. Effective 7/1/2026.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB2320</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL. Replaces the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations with the Department of Law Enforcement as the department responsible for budgeting administrative staffing for the State Fire Council.	LAB, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2321</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT. Updates chapter 329, HRS, to make it consistent with amendments in the Federal Controlled Substances Act as required under section 329-11, HRS.	HLT, JHA
<u>HB2322</u>	RELATING TO DANGEROUS INTOXICATION. Establishes the offenses of dangerous intoxication and habitual dangerous intoxication. Provides for civil protective custody and transport for emergency examination under section 334-45, HRS, in lieu of arrest for dangerous intoxication in specified circumstances, and bars prosecution when civil protective custody is used. Requires probation with mandatory treatment for habitual dangerous intoxication, with incarceration only upon probation violation. Makes conforming amendments to chapter 334, HRS.	JHA
<u>HB2323</u>	RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW. Repeals the requirement that health care providers' forms be filed with the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) in triplicate. Clarifies the way a physician transmits a treatment plan to an employer. Repeals a reference to the employer's receipt of a vocational rehabilitation plan by mail. Repeals the option of employers to submit reports to the DLIR via United States mail. Repeals the option of health care providers to provide reports to the DLIR or employer via mail.	LAB, CPC

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<u>HB2324</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAW. Repeals the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board and its rules requiring a separate state crane operator certificate and allows additional time for the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to complete an investigation of a discharge or discrimination complaint pertaining to employees exercising rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Law without formal extension.	LAB, CPC
<u>HB2325</u>	RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPT POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Exempts certain positions within the State Historic Preservation Division and Commission on Water Resource Management within the Department of Land and Natural Resources from the state civil service law.	WAL, LAB, FIN
<u>HB2326</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal administrative fee schedules for use of certain lands pursuant to a specified procedure and to exempt parking lot and concessions operations on such lands from the bidding requirements for concessions operated on public property.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB2327</u>	RELATING TO CONSERVATION BANKS. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve the operation of conservation banks and amends the Endangered Species Recovery Committee's membership and scope of authority. Effective upon approval.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB2328</u>	RELATING TO THE USE OF PUBLIC LANDS. Defines public uses of public lands as uses by an agency either directly or through disposition, that support the agency's functions including but not limited to the uses described in section 171-10, HRS.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB2329</u>	RELATING TO CONFORMITY TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. Conforms Hawaii income and estate and generation-skipping transfer tax laws to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended as of December 31, 2025.	FIN

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<u>HB2330</u>	RELATING TO HOSTING PLATFORMS. Requires hosting platforms that earn service fees for providing booking services for transient accommodations to register with the Department of Taxation as tax collection agents and report, collect, and remit general excise and transient accommodations taxes on behalf of operators.	TOU, FIN
<u>HB2331</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Short form bill relating to taxation.	FIN
<u>HB2332</u>	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PORT ADMINISTRATION. Renames the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation to the Commercial Ports Division and distinguishes between the terms "harbor" and "commercial port" throughout the statutes.	TRN, FIN
<u>HB2333</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to designate airport special district zones within airports statewide. Adds a new HRS section to help prevent unauthorized access and enhance security. Effective 07/01/26.	TRN, JHA
<u>HB2334</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to assume responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for highway projects, as well as railroad, public transportation, or multimodal projects within the State, allowing streamlined environmental reviews. Provides a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to comply with federal requirements under 23 U.S.C. §§326 and 327.	TRN, EEP, JHA
<u>HB2335</u>	RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Establishes priority consideration for full-time employment in state departments or agencies for certain participants in state-funded internship and workforce development programs by granting them eligibility for internal recruitment.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB2336</u>	RELATING TO FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with the United States Department of Defense for the provision of services at federal military installations, provided that only federal funds are used and title 23 United States Code federal highway funds are excluded. Authorizes charging an administrative fee.	TRN, PBS, FIN

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<u>HB2337</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Requires unencumbered and unexpended revenues from the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund in excess of \$12,000,000 as of June 30 of each year to lapse to the general fund.	TRN, FIN
<u>HB2338</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM. Amends the Hawaii Community College Promise Program (Hawaii promise) to exclude grants, scholarships, and other funding sources from the calculation of Hawaii promise awards, allowing students to apply such funds toward indirect costs, including housing, food, and other living expenses, to reduce financial barriers and support student success. Addresses the change in federal law regarding Pell Grants. Changes Hawaii promise from being a last-dollar award.	HED, FIN
<u>HB2339</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS. Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects.	HED, FIN
<u>HB2340</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Makes an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2025–2026 to the University of Hawaii to expand and sustain the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and Maui Health Registry.	HLT, HED, FIN
<u>HB2341</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Short form bill relating to the University of Hawaii.	HED
<u>HB2342</u>	RELATING TO LIQUOR. In counties of fewer than 200,000 residents, but more than 100,000 residents, exempts the 3-day temporary liquor licenses for fundraising events, known as class 10 special licenses, from any requirement to obtain fire-related clearances. Allows applications for class 10 special licenses to be submitted electronically and for a single application to apply any fundraising event that spans multiple parcels of land owned by the same entity. Increases the percentage of fines assessed by all county liquor commissions that may be used to fund public liquor-related educational or enforcement programs.	ECD, CPC

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<u>HB2343</u>	RELATING TO VETERANS. Repeals the specific deadline by which the Maui State Veterans Home must be assimilated into a state agency having a Maui affiliation. Requires the transfer of the Maui State Veterans Home to be completed as soon as practicable.	HLT, PBS, FIN
<u>HB2344</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES. Establishes a temporary, independent Public School Realignment and Closure Commission to develop and recommend a comprehensive package of school consolidations, realignments, and closures based on the federal Base Realignment and Closure model. Requires an expedited approval process by the Governor and Legislature. Appropriates moneys.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2345</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES. Requires the School Facilities Authority to establish geographically based capital improvement project districts for the localized management of deferred maintenance. Transfers all deferred maintenance functions, funds, and vacant facilities development branch positions from the Department of Education to the School Facilities Authority as intended and contemplated in Act 72, SLH 2020. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2346</u>	RELATING TO CASH TRANSACTION ROUNDING. Requires cash transactions to be rounded up or down to the nearest 5 cents. Requires cash transactions that total \$0.01 or \$0.02 to be rounded up to \$0.05. Exempts transactions in which payment is made by demand or negotiable instrument, electronic fund transfer, check, gift card, money order, credit card, or other like instrument or method.	CPC, FIN
<u>HB2347</u>	RELATING TO VEHICLE SAFETY. Requires the Director of Transportation to adopt rules allowing for mobile vehicle safety inspections.	TRN, CPC
<u>HB2348</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE PARKS SPECIAL FUND. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to expend the moneys from the State Parks Special Fund for programs aimed at environmental protection.	WAL, FIN

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<u>HB2349</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS. Requires the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make certain contact information for newly registered entities available online. Requires the Director to transmit the contact information to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism Business Development and Support Division.	ECD, CPC
<u>HB2350</u>	RELATING TO TIP CREDIT. Beginning 1/1/2027, increases the tip credit amount to equal twenty-five per cent of the minimum wage. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to annually calculate the adjusted tip credit amount.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB2351</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOMES FOR HAWAII FAMILIES ACT. Prohibits corporate owners from renting a single-family home to a residential tenant when the owner has a property interest in five or more such properties. Prohibits individual owners from renting a single-family home to a residential tenant when the owner has a property interest in seven or more such properties. Allows for exemptions and enforcement.	HSG, CPC/JHA, FIN
<u>HB2352</u>	RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Repeals the mandated upgrade, conversion, or sewer connection of all the cesspools in the State before 2050.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB2353</u>	RELATING TO THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CENTRAL REGISTRY. Provides a path for expungement from the child abuse and neglect registry for survivors of human trafficking, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, or coercive abuse if certain conditions are met.	HSH, JHA
<u>HB2354</u>	RELATING TO ILLEGAL CAMPING. Clarifies petty misdemeanor penalties for the offense of criminal trespass onto public parks and recreational grounds. Provides for seizure of abandoned or unattended personal property. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a homeless outreach and case management program. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to identify and restore vacated homeless encampment areas in the State and report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.	WAL/HSH, JHA, FIN

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[HB2355](#)

RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE.

Authorizes the forfeiture of real property when used to commit promoting gambling in the first or second degree regardless of whether it was committed without the knowledge and consent of the owner. Authorizes the forfeiture of real property under the gambling forfeiture section.

JHA

[HB2356](#)

RELATING TO OFFENDER REENTRY.

PBS, LAB, FIN

Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide a certificate of suitability for employment to offenders who have satisfied all sentencing and post-release requirements. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to work with government and private stakeholders to conduct public education regarding the certificates. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to work with the Department of Defense to increase offenders' eligibility for security clearance in post-release employment. Appropriates funds.

[HB2357](#)

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ECD/AGR, JHA,
FIN

Part I: Prohibits music streaming platforms from hosting, distributing, or otherwise making available in the State music performed or attributed to an artificial intelligence music artist. Makes violations an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice. Part II: Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to use artificial intelligence to support the agricultural industry. Part III: Prohibits producing, circulating, publishing, distributing, communicating, or making available in the State tangible products created with the use of artificial intelligence without a disclosure that artificial intelligence was used to create the tangible product. Makes violations an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice.

[HB2358](#)

RELATING TO RETIREMENT.

LAB, FIN

Provides elective officers with the choice to be members of the Employees' Retirement System after each election. Repeals the condition that a choice to be excluded from the Employees' Retirement System is irrevocable and such choice may only be made once.

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<u>HB2359</u>	RELATING TO RETIRANTS. Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB2360</u>	RELATING TO PAID FAMILY LEAVE. By 1/1/2029, requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a family and medical leave insurance program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits. By 1/1/2030, requires the Department to begin receiving claims and paying benefits under the program. Specifies eligibility requirements and employee protections under the program.	LAB, CPC, FIN
<u>HB2361</u>	RELATING TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide administrative support to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. Requires the chairperson of the Council to be selected by the voting members from among all voting and nonvoting members on an annual and rotating basis. Requires the Council to meet quarterly.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB2362</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires the counties to automatically approve permits for hurricane retrofitting under certain conditions.	HSG, WAL, JHA
<u>HB2363</u>	RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT. Expands an individual's eligibility to receive assisted community treatment if they are a repeat petty offender.	HLT, JHA
<u>HB2364</u>	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST. Requires the office of the legislative analyst to produce fiscal notes on all fiscal bills. Prohibits a committee from making a decision on a fiscal bill without a fiscal note. Mandates that fiscal notes be made available to the public. Appropriates funds.	LMG, FIN

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<u>HB2365</u>	RELATING TO ELECTION REFORM. Requires the Chief Election Officer role to be an elected position by popular vote beginning with the 2030 general election. Amends the appointment process of the elections commission to subject nominations to confirmation by an appointing body. Makes conforming amendments.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2366</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Prohibits the imposition of cost-sharing requirements for certain diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB2367</u>	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS. Requires hourly rate or salary ranges to be disclosed on job listings for full-time, part-time, temporary, or seasonal employees. Removes the exemption for employers having fewer than fifty employees.	LAB, CPC
<u>HB2368</u>	RELATING TO TRUSTS. Establishes a fifty-year duration limit for new private, noncharitable trusts. Requires large private trusts to file annual reports with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Imposes limitations and reporting requirements on permitted transfers in trusts.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB2369</u>	RELATING TO PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BY THE JUDICIARY. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires contracts for services awarded to community-based organizations by the Judiciary in support of fulfilling its statutory mandate to individuals, families, and communities in the State to include certain protections against inflation. Appropriates funds to the Judiciary to increase the contract price in existing contracts for certain services provided by community-based organizations in support of fulfilling its statutory mandate to individuals, families, and communities in the State.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2370</u>	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO WAGE EQUITY. Proposes an amendment to Article IX of the Hawaii State Constitution to guarantee that every person has the inalienable right, while engaged in employment in the State, to be paid at a wage rate that is at least equal to the state minimum wage rate, as provided by law, without regard to the type or nature of employment, unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.	LAB, JHA, FIN

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HB2371	RELATING TO MEDICAID. Prohibits a financial risk-bearing entity from administering Medicaid services. Requires the Department of Human Services to contract with one or more administrative services organizations to perform non-risk administrative functions for the operation of the State's Medicaid program. Requires the Department to establish a Medicaid Care Coordination Program to contract with community-based programs to provide care coordination services. Requires physicians, other independent practitioners, hospitals, and other institutional providers to be paid or reimbursed directly by the State's medicaid agency. Requires the Department to establish regional health hubs in each county to serve as localized oversight bodies. Requires the Department to convene a Medicaid Stakeholder Advisory Group to support continuous improvement throughout the transition period. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriate funds.	HSH/HLT, CPC, FIN
HB2372	RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT. Authorizes registered nurses and qualified paramedics licensed by the State to administer medication as part of an assisted community treatment order's treatment plan to the subject of the order, under certain circumstances.	HLT, JHA
HB2373	RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT. Establishes a two-year Keiki Fare-Free Transit Pilot Program on Oahu and Kauai. Appropriates funds.	TRN, HSH, FIN
HB2374	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Authorizes the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife, to establish the Shade and Fruit Tree Program to support educational activities and encourage propagation of native shade trees and fruit trees for planting in Department of Education schools.	EDN, WAL, FIN
HB2375	RELATING TO TOWING PRACTICES. Establishes uniform standards for parking enforcement and towing practices on state and state-leased lands, including notice requirements, disability protections, consumer payment safeguards, and public reporting.	TRN, WAL, JHA
HB2376	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires home schooled students to participate in certain annual in person tests at the public school that the student would otherwise be required to attend.	EDN, FIN

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<u>HB2377</u>	RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS.	AGR, WAL, FIN
	Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to accept the transfer of and manage certain qualifying non-agricultural park lands. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to request information related to easements prior to any transfer of certain qualifying non-agricultural park lands. Requires approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity and an approved feasible and funded action plan before pasture lands are removed for reforestation or other public purposes.	
<u>HB2378</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.	TRN, CPC
	Exempts persons operating wing-in-ground craft from the application of the Hawaii Water Carriers Act. Defines "wing-in-ground craft."	
<u>HB2379</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD.	CPC, JHA, FIN
	Increases the scope of insurance fraud and certain offenses. Augments offenses by contractors and insurers during a declared emergency. Clarifies the penalties for the offense of insurance fraud and the capabilities and operations of the Insurance Fraud Investigations Branch, including the annual report to the Legislature and the protection of sensitive information. Adds protection for insurance fraud whistleblowers. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to establish a centralized database for authorized agencies to track insurance fraud data. Appropriates funds.	
<u>HB2380</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH.	HLT, CPC, JHA
	Prohibits the sale of nonprescription diet pills and dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building to any person under eighteen years of age. Requires retail establishments and delivery sellers to follow certain protocols regarding certain products to prevent access by minors to the restricted products.	
<u>HB2381</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.	EDN, FIN
	Requires that incentives paid to public charter school teachers under the Teacher National Board Certification Incentive Program and other teacher differentials be paid from moneys appropriated to the State Public Charter School Commission, instead of the per-pupil allocation.	

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<u>HB2382</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FORTIETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the 40th representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2383</u>	RELATING TO THE WORKFORCE PELL GRANT PROGRAM. Establishes a statewide framework for the implementation of the federal Workforce Pell Grant Program to provide financial aid for certain short-term workforce education and training programs. Establishes a Workforce Pell Grant Program Approval Committee within the Workforce Development Council.	LAB, HED, FIN
<u>HB2384</u>	RELATING TO STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPENSATION. Affirms student-athletes' rights to engage in name, image, and likeness activities for compensation. Requires the University of Hawaii to adopt policies governing institutional name, image, and likeness agreements and other aspects of name, image, and likeness activity consistent with federal law, rules by an intercollegiate athletics governing body such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and Title IX. Establishes certain transparency and accountability requirements in the administration of institutional name, image, and likeness activities. Provides protections and educational support for student-athletes who enter into name, image, and likeness agreements. Appropriates moneys. Sunsets 6/30/2030.	HED, CPC/JHA, FIN
<u>HB2385</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to approve and certify general excise tax exemptions for certain housing development projects developed under county housing incentive programs. Makes conforming amendments.	HSG, ECD, FIN
<u>HB2386</u>	RELATING TO WATER CARRIERS. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to establish automatic adjustment mechanisms to address economic factors sua sponte or on application by a water carrier. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a water carrier inflationary cost index automatic adjustment mechanism. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commissions to waive or exempt any water carrier from any requirement under the Hawaii Water Carrier Act.	TRN, CPC

		<u>Committee REFERRAL</u>
<u>HB2387</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS. Expands workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for adenocarcinoma or mesothelioma of the respiratory system; cancer of the buccal cavity, cervix, colon, esophagus, ovary, pharynx, skin, female reproductive organs, including the uterus, endometrium, and fallopian tubes, and thyroid; and malignant melanoma. Specifies that an employer may prove that the cancer or disease was not associated with the firefighting duties to deny medical benefits under workers' compensation law.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB2388</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE. Allows government agencies to satisfy public notice requirements by posting notices on official state or county websites, while retaining publication as an option.	LAB, JHA
<u>HB2389</u>	RELATING TO STATE FACILITIES. Requires all state building construction begun on or after 7/1/2026 to provide at least 1 universal changing accommodation in each public restroom designated as a family or assisted-use restroom, where feasible.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB2390</u>	RELATING TO PENALTIES. Increases the offense of habitual property crime from a class C felony to a class B felony. Increases the sentencing structure for convictions of habitual property crime.	JHA
<u>HB2391</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a general excise tax holiday on school supplies, provided that businesses pass the savings on to consumers.	EDN, ECD, FIN
<u>HB2392</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes the alternative transportation options tax credit for employers that offer transportation demand management strategies to employees who commute using a method other than single occupancy vehicle. Authorizes rulemaking.	TRN, ECD, FIN
<u>HB2393</u>	RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM. Establishes an occupational licensing task force to identify the ways in which state regulation of occupational licensure may be reformed to lessen the barrier of entry to fields of gainful employment while ensuring consumers remain protected. Imposes a reporting requirement. Appropriates funds.	LAB, CPC, FIN

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<u>HB2394</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FORTY-FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the 41st representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2395</u>	RELATING TO THE TAKING OF MARINE DEPOSITS. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to approve permits for research, education, management, or propagation purposes that include the taking of marine deposits seaward of the shoreline, as long as the resources will be returned to the beach and pose no risk to the environment.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB2396</u>	RELATING TO ADOPTION. Requires the Department of Human Services to place a link on its public website homepage directing users to information to assist women throughout pregnancy and provide options for adoption. Establishes an Adoption Promotion Task Force.	HSH/HLT, FIN
<u>HB2397</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES. Transfers school impact fees from the Kalihi-Ala Moana school impact district to the School Impact Fees subaccount of the School Facilities Special Fund for the acquisition and renovation of one or more buildings in the downtown Honolulu area to develop and expand pre-kindergarten and charter school capacity.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2398</u>	RELATING TO LIBRARIES. Clarifies that the Board of Education, through the State Librarian, has exclusive authority over the development, use, support, and improvement and maintenance of public library system facilities. Authorizes the Board of Education to delegate to the State Librarian exclusive control of certain land for development or expansion purposes, subject to legislative appropriation. Requires the Department of Education to expeditiously cooperate with the State Librarian and Hawaii State Public Library System to effectuate any project authorized by the Board of Education on certain lands.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2399</u>	RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Appropriates funds to the State Public Charter School Commission for prekindergarten-only public charter schools.	EDN, FIN

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<u>HB2400</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands projects eligible for general fund revenues that are generated by increases in transient accommodations tax collections and intended to be expended equally across projects related to natural resources, climate resilience, and destination management.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2401</u>	RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND. Authorizes the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to be used to provide loans or grants to eligible individuals to purchase rental units.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB2402</u>	RELATING TO GAMBLING. Establishes the misdemeanor offense of promoting gambling in the third degree.	JHA
<u>HB2403</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY. Requires the Advisory Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to be composed of seven, rather than twelve, members. Requires the Governor to appoint members to the Advisory Board from lists provided by certain organizations representing the tourism industry.	TOU, JHA
<u>HB2404</u>	RELATING TO COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS. Establishes a General Cooperative Associations Act to provide a unified, flexible legal framework for cooperatives to form for any lawful purpose. Allows agricultural cooperative associations and consumer cooperative associations to elect governance under the General Cooperative Associations Act.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB2405</u>	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT. Requires hotelkeepers to supply and provide annual training on the proper use and limitations of a panic button to certain workers no later than 1/1/2027.	TOU, LAB, FIN
<u>HB2406</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Requires any disposition of more than one thousand acres of public lands to governments by the Board of Land and Natural Resources to be subject to approval by a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature. Requires the government seeking the disposition of the public land to submit for introduction to the Legislature a resolution containing certain information. Requires a copy of the draft resolution to be sent to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.	WAL, JHA, FIN

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<u>HB2407</u>	RELATING TO NET INVESTMENT INCOME TAX. Establishes a net investment income tax.	FIN
<u>HB2408</u>	RELATING TO FAMILY SAFETY. Establishes comprehensive reforms to protect children and families from abuse and improve systemic responses. Part I: Establishes the calendar year 2027 as the Year of Resilience, Safety, and Survivor Justice. Part II: Modernizes statutory definitions of harm and child abuse. Part III: Recognizes coercive control as domestic abuse. Part IV: Reforms Family Court procedures to prioritize child safety and prohibit parental alienation theories. Part V: Defines economic abuse and strengthens financial protections, including automatic restraining orders, emergency hearings, forensic accounting authority, and liability for financial institutions. Part VI: Safeguards neurodivergent children and prohibits diagnosis shopping. Part VII: Protects reproductive privacy in custody proceedings. Part VIII: Enhances Child Welfare Services Branch accountability through audits and creation of a Child Welfare Ombudsman. Part IX: Requires automatic protective orders and custody restrictions in cases of severe violence. Part X: Creates a Family Violence Docket with mandatory judicial training and an advisory panel.	HSH, CPC/JHA, FIN
<u>HB2409</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes the Hawaii Geological Survey in the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Designates the Director of the Survey, rather than the Geophysics and Planetology Institute specialist qualified in geology, as the State Geologist.	HED, FIN
<u>HB2410</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to support certain programs.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2411</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM. Establishes and appropriates funds into and out of the Hawaii Employer-Led Sector Partnerships Special Fund. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to coordinate its sector partnership activities with the Workforce Development Council.	ECD, LAB, FIN

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<u>HB2412</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EIGHTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the eighth representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2413</u>	RELATING TO PRETRIAL REFORM. Requires release on recognizance for defendants charged with violations, traffic offenses, nonviolent petty misdemeanors, nonviolent misdemeanors, and nonviolent class C felonies, subject to conditions. Establishes exclusions for specified offenses, threats to public safety, and wilful flight. Requires findings when bail or detention is imposed, ongoing review of continued detention or conditions, and a prompt hearing if bail cannot be posted. Requires prosecutors to notify victims of pretrial decisions.	JHA
<u>HB2414</u>	RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. Implements recommendations pursuant to Act 245, SLH 2024 to amend the Hawaii Penal Code.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2415</u>	RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Transportation to install all-way crosswalks at sites abutting school properties.	TRN, EDN, FIN
<u>HB2416</u>	RELATING TO A MARITIME YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY PROGRAM. Directs Honolulu Community College, in partnership with state agencies and maritime employers, to conduct a study and develop a plan for a statewide Maritime Youth Apprenticeship Program for individuals ages 16 to 24. Requires a report to the Legislature with recommendations on program structure, resource needs, proposed legislation and implementation options. Appropriates moneys.	HED, LAB, FIN
<u>HB2417</u>	RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE REVOCATION. Clarifies administrative driver's license revocation procedures by requiring timely disclosure of documents, aligning review timelines, and standardizing administrative review and hearing processes.	TRN, JHA

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<u>HB2418</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires that the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board submit three nominees for its Executive Director to the Board of Education. Requires the Board of Education to appoint an Executive Director from the nominees on the list, subject to advice and consent of the Senate.	EDN, JHA
<u>HB2419</u>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE HOMES. Lowers the minimum age required by Department of Health rules for substitute caregivers in community care foster family homes to eighteen years.	HLT/HSH, FIN
<u>HB2420</u>	RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY. Appropriates funds to the judiciary for services contracted with community-based organizations that deliver essential services, streamline judicial processes, and support the judiciary's capacity to effectively meet the needs of vulnerable households.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2421</u>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES. Changes the allowed absence by a primary caregiver at a community care foster family home to 48 hours in calendar week with no absence longer than 24 consecutive hours.	HLT/HSH, FIN
<u>HB2422</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NINETEENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the nineteenth representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2423</u>	RELATING TO BIODIESEL. Requires the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to adopt rules to require that diesel fuel sold in the State for use in on-highway diesel-powered motor vehicles contains no less than five per cent biodiesel by volume.	TRN, ECD, CPC
<u>HB2424</u>	RELATING TO LAND USE. Between 7/1/2026 and 12/31/2028, authorizes each county planning commission to petition the Land Use Commission for a district boundary amendment to reclassify certain lands within the agricultural district to the rural district through the declaratory ruling process.	WAL, JHA

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<u>HB2425</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Exempts any agricultural enterprise practicing diversified agriculture on lands formerly used for commercial sugarcane production within the conservation district from any permitting and site plan approval requirements established for lands in a conservation district.	AGR, WAL, JHA
<u>HB2426</u>	RELATING TO STATE PARKS. Authorizes and appropriates funds for the expansion of Wailuku River State Park.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB2427</u>	RELATING TO UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH. Entitles unaccompanied homeless youth, including runaway youth, with the rights, as provided by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, to immediate enrollment in school, full participation in school activities, and access to comparable school and educational services provided to other students. Establishes a student-centered, safety-first protocol for unaccompanied homeless youth enrolling in or attending school.	EDN, HSH, FIN
<u>HB2428</u>	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE TERM LIMITS. Proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit a person from serving as a member of the legislature for more than twenty-four years during the person's lifetime.	LMG, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2429</u>	RELATING TO TAX EXPENDITURE EVALUATION. Requires tax expenditure disclosure to, and evaluation by, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for certain income tax credits and general excise and use tax exemptions.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2430</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Exempts county elected officials, county candidates, and county candidate committees from the prohibition on receiving contributions from a lobbyist during a state legislative session.	JHA
<u>HB2431</u>	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS. Requires a seller of real property adjacent to the shoreline, and the seller's agent, to disclose and include in all advertisements certain shoreline erosion issues related to the parcel.	WAL, CPC

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<u>HB2432</u>	RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to close all or portions of any marine life conservation district for various periods of time and to adopt rules for the regulation of commercial activity within a marine life conservation district.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB2433</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE. Requires that the Hawaiian version of a law be held binding if the law in question was originally drafted in Hawaiian, or if the law was originally drafted in English and if the law was subsequently amended, codified, recodified, or reenacted in Hawaiian, and meets certain criteria.	JHA
<u>HB2434</u>	RELATING TO WATER. Establishes a framework that provides counties or their subdivisions priority and the right of first refusal to obtain intergovernmental agreements related to the disposition of water resources for public purposes. Establishes criteria to be applied when determining that the issuance of a state water license is in the best interest of the State.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB2435</u>	RELATING TO PORTABLE PLUG-IN SOLAR GENERATION DEVICES. Prohibits binding agreements preventing the installation of a portable plug-in solar generation device on any residential dwelling, subject to certain requirements.	EEP, CPC, JHA
<u>HB2436</u>	RELATING TO ARTS INTEGRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Establishes within the Department of Education arts integration coordinator positions and arts integration specialist positions to support fine arts education and arts integration in public schools statewide. Appropriates funds.	CAA, EDN, FIN
<u>HB2437</u>	RELATING TO ARTS EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the Artists in the Schools program.	CAA, FIN
<u>HB2438</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII CULTURAL TRUST. Establishes the Hawaii Cultural Trust within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.	CAA, JHA, FIN

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<u>HB2439</u>	RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE. Establishes the Office of the State Search and Rescue Coordinator within the Office of the Governor. Provides for the authority and duties of the State Search and Rescue Coordinator. Designates participating agencies and their duties with regard to state search and rescue operations and training. Establishes the Search and Rescue Special Fund. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	PBS, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2440</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Establishes the Ombudsman's Office for Homeowners Insurance within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Establishes the Ombudsman's Office for Homeowners Insurance Special Fund. Appropriates funds.	CPC, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2441</u>	RELATING TO CAMPUS SAFETY. Requires students of the University of Hawaii, including transfer students, to complete training on federal laws and University policies regarding sexual misconduct prior to the completion of initial registration into the university of Hawaii system. Amends the frequency that training and programming regarding sexual misconduct is provided to university of Hawaii students and employees.	HED, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2442</u>	RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS. Beginning 7/1/27, increases the number of required accessible and van accessible parking spaces in parking lots with more than twenty-five parking spaces that are covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.	HLT, TRN, JHA
<u>HB2443</u>	RELATING TO DISASTER SERVICES. Integrates the needs of individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs into emergency planning, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities. Establishes a Disability Integration Specialist position, to be located in the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, who shall provide programming support for disability community projects that promote accessibility, inclusion, and equity in disaster management. Appropriates funds.	PBS, FIN
<u>HB2444</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Increases the tax credit for low-income household renters from \$50 to \$100 per exemption claimed by the taxpayer.	HSG, ECD, FIN

**Committee
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[HB2445](#)

RELATING TO STUDENT SAFETY.

Requires the Department of Education to develop, establish, and implement a standardized emergency response plan governing immigration enforcement activity at or near public schools.

ECD, EDN, JHA

[HB2446](#)

RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW.

Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a Community Wage Theft Enforcement Partnership Program and enter into contracts or memoranda of agreements with community-based organizations to enhance outreach, referral, and recovery of stolen wages. Appropriates funds.

LAB, JHA, FIN

[HB2447](#)

RELATING TO TOURISM.

Amends the duties of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to focus on marketing and branding, rather than destination management and regenerative tourism. Establishes the Tourism Liaison Officer position within the Office of the Governor. Includes destination management and regenerative tourism as responsibilities of the Tourism Liaison Officer. Appropriates funds.

TOU, ECD, FIN

[HB2448](#)

RELATING TO FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

Establishes the offense of prohibited acts of female genital mutilation of a minor and civil remedies for victims of that offense.

JHA

[HB2449](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS.

Places limits on emergency management powers of the governor and mayors. Establishes the Emergency Powers Oversight Committee to oversee emergency proclamations. Provides that a state of emergency or local state of emergency terminates automatically after 30 days, rather than 60 days. Limits the total duration of a state of emergency or local state of emergency to 60 days unless approved by a Concurrent Resolution of the Legislature. Requires any proclamation suspending a statute to be narrowly tailored and supported by a written justification.

PBS, JHA, FIN

[HB2450](#)

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

Requires the Auditor to conduct a financial and performance audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, including a review of the Department's use of moneys appropriated by Act 279, SLH 2022.

JHA, LMG, FIN

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<u>HB2451</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires each county to implement fare-free access to its public transportation systems. Establishes the Fare-Free Public Transportation Tax and Dividend Special Fund. Increases the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax on petroleum products to fund fare-free public transportation.	TRN, EEP, FIN
<u>HB2452</u>	RELATING TO STATE BONDS. Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds. Makes findings required by Article VII, Section 13, of the Hawaii State Constitution to declare that the issuance of authorized bonds will not cause the debt limit to be exceeded.	FIN
<u>HB2453</u>	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Establishes the Ombudsman's Office for Condominium Owners and Associations within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Increases the biennial Condominium Education Trust Fund fee by \$2.50 a year to pay for the ongoing costs of the Ombudsman's Office. Appropriates funds from the Condominium Education Trust Fund for establishment of the Ombudsman's Office.	CPC, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2454</u>	RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL. Clarifies eligibility and improves accountability for the use of Safe Routes to School funds. Repeals the position of safe routes to school program coordinator. Repeals certain requirements for county programs.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2455</u>	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. Requires certain employers to provide unpaid and paid leave of absence for victims of workplace violence or threat of workplace violence. Expands the type of certification an employee may provide to an employer if the leave exceeds five days per calendar year.	LAB, JHA
<u>HB2456</u>	RELATING TO DRUGS FOR WEIGHT LOSS. Requires the Department of Human Services to provide Medicaid and Medicare part D prescription drug program recipients with coverage of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) drugs for weight loss. Appropriates funds.	HSH/HLT, FIN
<u>HB2457</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. Establishes the Community Resilience Hubs Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii. Requires a report. Appropriates funds.	PBS, HED, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[HB2458](#)

RELATING TO SURVEILLANCE PRICING.

Prohibits retailers from using surveillance pricing in the sale of food that is sold, or qualifies to be sold, as part of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Special Supplemental Foods Program for Women, Infants, and Children. Establishes fines. Exemptions certain discounts and loyalty programs.

HSH, CPC, JHA

[HB2459](#)

RELATING TO THE FOOD AND PRODUCT INNOVATION NETWORK.

Requires the Food and Product Innovation Network to integrate a coordinated food safety and regulatory framework. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to establish performance indicators for the Food and Product Innovation Network, develop a market access strategy, align and harmonize state branding initiatives, and report certain data to the Legislature. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to evaluate or adopt enterprise zone initiatives to all counties.

AGR, ECD, CPC

[HB2460](#)

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

WAL, JHA, FIN

Establishes a Royal Mausoleum Commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and implement policy for the preservation, operation, and outreach of Mauna 'Ala. Allows the Royal Mausoleum Commission to make rules as necessary, employ staff, and receive private or federal funds. Requires the Royal Mausoleum Commission to report annually to the Legislature. Requires the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to support the Royal Mausoleum Commission.

[HB2461](#)

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

CAA, FIN

Increases the ceiling of the works of art special fund. Appropriates funds for the maintenance, upkeep, and preservation of the State's public art and collections.

Appropriates funds for a collections manager position within the state foundation on culture and the arts.

[HB2462](#)

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

TRN, CPC, JHA

Prohibits auto manufacturers and dealers from charging a post-sale subscription fee for hardware that is already installed at the time of purchase. Establishes penalties and fines.

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<u>HB2463</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PRIVACY. Establishes the Hawaii Drop and Delete Act to limit the information data brokers collect and sell regarding consumer information. Establishes a deletion mechanism allowing consumers to request data brokers to drop their personal information. Establishes the consumer privacy fund. Establishes a private right of action.	ECD, CPC, JHA
<u>HB2464</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a family caregiver tax credit for nonpaid family caregivers. Requires the Department of Taxation to submit annual reports to the legislature. Appropriates moneys to the Executive Office on Aging. The tax credit applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2027. Effective 12/31/2026.	HSH, ECD, FIN
<u>HB2465</u>	RELATING TO CRIME. Allows the charge of unauthorized entry into motor vehicle in the first degree to be brought as a class B felony if property damage of \$750 or more occurs or the person has a previous conviction for the same offense within the past five years.	JHA
<u>HB2466</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the department of education to prohibit electronic telecommunication device usage during the instructional day and implement a social media and artificial intelligence literacy education campaign. Creates exemptions for students requiring accommodations, emergency situations, and teacher authorizations. Requires the department of education to submit a report three years after the initial effective date, and then every five years thereafter.	EDN, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2467</u>	A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS. Amends or repeals various provisions of the HRS or the SLH for the purposes of correcting errors and references, clarifying language, or deleting obsolete or unnecessary provisions.	JHA

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[HB2468](#)

RELATING TO INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS.

Expands the on-the-job training work experience program for the private sector by authorizing the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to enter into contracts with trade organizations to provide on-the-job training to participating interns. Removes the requirement that high school, college, or university graduates have graduated within 1 year of applying for the on-the-job training work experience program and state internship and workforce development program. Repeals the requirement that participating sponsors contribute 50 per cent of each intern's fringe benefits. Amends the state internship and workforce development program for the public sector by requiring the coordinating agency work sites to provide work experience that helps interns meet the minimum qualification requirements for employment in the relevant positions, including civil service positions. Transfers certain duties from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of Human Resources Development. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to apply the internship experience towards the minimum qualification requirements for similar civil service positions. Appropriates moneys.

LAB, FIN

[HB2469](#)

RELATING TO A REGULAR SESSION REVIEW WORKING GROUP LMG, FIN

Establishes a Regular Session Review Working Group to determine the essential timing and effective framework for a lengthened legislative calendar for election and non-election years. Requires a report to the Legislature. Requires report finalization and drafting assistance from the Legislative Reference Bureau. Appropriates moneys.

[HB2470](#)

RELATING TO FINANCIAL LITERACY.

EDN, FIN

Requires the Department of Education to implement financial literacy instruction into existing courses in public high schools that have sufficient overlap with financial literacy program standards beginning in the 2027-2028 school year. Requires the Board of Education to provide professional development to teachers. Allows the Board of Education to adopt rules. Appropriates funds.

<u>Committee REFERRAL</u>		
<u>HB2471</u>	RELATING TO A SUSTAINABLE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE. Establishes the sustainable tourism infrastructure matching grant program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support one-time capital investments that advance measurable sustainability and climate resilience outcomes within the State's visitor industry. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	TOU/ECD, EEP, FIN
<u>HB2472</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND STAFF SALARIES. Authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to establish the salary for an assistant administrator.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB2473</u>	RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF A HAWAIIAN SENSE OF PLACE. Establishes the Hawaiian Sense of Place Recognition Act. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop educational and outreach programs to promote understanding of the Hawaiian sense of place among residents, visitors, and public employees. Requires state agencies to incorporate Hawaiian sense of place principles into land planning, management, and state construction projects.	ECD/LAB, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2474</u>	RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. Authorizes the Governor and Legislature to enter into nonbinding international cooperative agreements with foreign national governments, foreign subnational jurisdictions, and regional intergovernmental partners. Authorizes the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission to review proposals for sister-state or province partnerships and international cooperative agreements.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2475</u>	RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS. Establishes labeling requirements for 'ōkolehao products.	ECD, CPC
<u>HB2476</u>	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 12 AND 13, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION. Proposes constitutional amendments to expressly provide that the Legislature may authorize political subdivisions, such as the counties, to issue housing infrastructure growth bonds, and exclude these bonds from determinations of the funded debt of the political subdivisions for specified public works, public improvements, or other actions necessary for new housing development.	HSG, JHA, FIN

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<u>HB2477</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH, AND SEVENTEENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth representative districts.	FIN
<u>HB2478</u>	RELATING TO BONDS. Conforms county debt limit statements law to permit counties to exclude housing infrastructure growth bonds from the debt limit of the counties if a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of housing infrastructure growth bonds and excluding housing infrastructure growth bonds from determinations of the counties' funded debt is ratified.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB2479</u>	RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE. Establishes a temporary working group to study the current capacity of state utility services, the expected lifespan of existing coastline utility infrastructure, and the financial implications of necessary expansions. Requires a report to the Legislature.	EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN
<u>HB2480</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE. Protects emergency responders from liability during periods of evacuation. Provides that individuals who willfully fail to comply with the evacuation assume the risk and waive liability.	PBS, JHA
<u>HB2481</u>	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to establish a permanent Return-to-Home Program to return homeless individuals in the State to families and relatives in their home states. Requires the Office to report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB2482</u>	RELATING TO THE RELOCATION OF FACILITIES. Establishes the facilities relocation task force to identify and address the issue of the inequitable location of mental health facilities, clean and sober homes, homeless shelters, and supportive living homes across the island of Oahu, particularly on the Waianae Coast. Appropriates funds.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB2483</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FORTY-FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the 45th representative district.	FIN

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<u>HB2484</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the twenty-sixth representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2485</u>	RELATING TO CARDIOVASCULAR SCREENING. Requires cardiovascular screening for students, including student athletes. Requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health, to distribute educational and informational materials regarding sudden cardiac arrest. Requires the Department of Health to implement policies, programs, training, and continuing education that increase health care provider knowledge of cardiovascular screening guidelines.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2486</u>	RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY. Defines and provides requirements for the use of a portable solar generation device. Requires each portable solar generation device to be registered with the Public Utilities Commission. Provides that electric utility companies are not liable for any damage or injury caused by a portable solar generation device. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish and maintain an online system for registering a portable solar generation device, at no cost to the customer.	EEP, CPC
<u>HB2487</u>	RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a Medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities. Requires the Department to adopt rules.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB2488</u>	RELATING TO THE DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to study the health care communication needs of patients who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind. Requires a report to the Legislature 20 days prior to the 2027 Regular Session.	HSH/HLT, FIN
<u>HB2489</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates moneys to establish a bachelor's degree program in American Sign Language interpretation at the University of Hawaii Manoa campus with a multi-year plan to include a master's degree program for interpreter training.	HED, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[HB2490](#)

RELATING TO COASTAL RESILIENCE.

Establishes a five-year Coastal Resilience Pilot Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the preservation of Mantokuji Bay. Exempts the Pilot Program from certain regulatory requirements. Requires the State Historic Preservation Division to conduct a streamlined historic preservation review. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031.

WAL, ECD, FIN

[HB2491](#)

RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS.

Exempts commercial measuring devices utilized in taxicabs from the requirement that the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity Measurement Standards Branch inspect and test all measurement standards and measuring devices.

AGR, TRN, CPC

[HB2492](#)

RELATING TO A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY.

Includes the Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office as a member of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission. Ensures that the State's zero emissions clean economy aspirational target encourages both local and global sequestration. Requires each state agency to review the impacts of its internal plans as they relate to the purpose and goals of the Commission. Requires HSEO to submit summary reports to the Governor and Legislature. Appropriates funds.

EEP, WAL, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[HB2493](#)

RELATING TO WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.

Establishes the procedure that a court of the State shall follow upon the reversal or vacation of an individual's judgment or conviction on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the chargers were dismissed. Requires the State to pay advance compensation to any petitioner who was convicted in a court of the State, imprisoned for at least one year, and whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or was pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence. Requires the Comptroller to issue a warrant for payment of advance compensation to a petitioner. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assign a case manager to a petitioner upon the petitioner's release. Requires the State to provide medical coverage to a person for a certain duration upon the reversal or vacation of a person's judgment of conviction on grounds consistent with innocence and where the chargers were dismissed. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Clarifies that a person whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or who was pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the chargers were dismissed, may petition for compensation. Requires the State to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the reversal or vacating of the order of conviction for a petitioner, or the pardoning of the petitioner, was inconsistent with innocence.

JHA, PBS, FIN

[HB2494](#)

RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.

JHA

Establishes factors under which officers may arrest and detain persons without a warrant for petty misdemeanors and violations, and requires officers to document the justification for the arrests. Amends the circumstances under which officers may issue citations in lieu of arrest. Requires officers to issue citations in lieu of arrest for certain petty misdemeanors and violations, unless public safety or flight risks are present or the alleged offense involves operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant or the abuse of family or household members. Requires the Judiciary to promulgate a standardized citation form and updates the required information for citations.

[HB2495](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING. AGR, HSG, FIN

Requires state agencies, including the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and Agribusiness Development Corporation, that administer agricultural leases, licenses, development programs, or procurement involving agricultural products to award points or preferences to agricultural projects incorporating agricultural workforce housing. Requires a report to the Legislature.

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[HB2496](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Establishes the Hawaii Agricultural Transportation Assistance Program, to consist of a reimbursement program for geographically disadvantaged farmers and livestock producers to mitigate the high costs of transportation for agricultural products, inputs, and supplies, and a grant program to assist small-scale farmers, ranchers, food hubs, and agricultural producers in rural or underserved areas with transportation costs directly related to the production and distribution of agricultural commodities. Establishes the Hawaii Agricultural Transportation Assistance Special Fund. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

AGR, TRN, FIN

[HB2497](#)

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.

Amends section 150A-58, Hawaii Revised Statute, to clarify that signatory industries to a biosecurity government-industry agreement shall not be liable for costs related to performing activities pursuant to the agreement. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish a working group that comprises signatories of the biosecurity government-industry agreements for joint-decision making.

AGR, JHA

[HB2498](#)

RELATING TO CARE HOMES.

Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to establish a Central Oahu Care Home Community Resilience Pilot Program to assist eligible care home facilities to implement structural and operational resilience improvements. Requires a report to the Legislature.

PBS, HSH, FIN

[HB2499](#)

RELATING TO DEMOGRAPHIC DATA.

Requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to coordinate the development and maintenance of statewide standards for the collection, management, and reporting of race and ethnicity demographic data by any state or county department, agency, board, or commission. Focuses the use of collected demographic data on areas of public interest and establishes transparency and accountability requirements regarding artificial intelligence systems associated with the collected data. Requires state and county departments, agencies, boards, and commissions that collect race and ethnicity data to report to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services on meeting federal data collection requirements. Appropriates funds.

ECD, JHA, FIN

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[HB2500](#)

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Beginning 1/1/2027, requires a developer of an algorithmic decision system to provide certain disclosures to a deployer and an individual who is or will be affected by a decision made, informed, or influenced by the algorithmic decision system. Provides certain rights and procedures for individuals to access and correct data used by an algorithmic decision system. Requires disclosure requirements for generative artificial intelligence systems. Provides that a developer and deployer of an algorithmic decision system are jointly and severally liable for a violation of any law that results from the deployer's use of the developer's system, under certain conditions. Assigns enforcement responsibilities to the attorney general, including establishing rules.

ECD, CPC, JHA

[HB2501](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

HLT, CPC, FIN

Requires hospitals and hospital systems to submit annual certified reports regarding costs associated with Medicare and uninsured patients to the Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and State Health Planning and Development Agency. Requires the Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and State Health Planning and Development Agency to review the reports, establish standards and procedures, and adopt rules. Requires the Department of Health to consider the reports when determining the department's budget request and designate financial assistance requests in an equitable way. Requires the Office of the Auditor to conduct periodic audits of the financial assistance distributed to hospitals and hospital systems.

[HB2502](#)

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ECD, CPC, JHA

Requires operators of conversational artificial intelligence services in the State to issue certain disclosures to account holders and users. Requires operators to develop protocols to prevent the production of suicidal ideations in account holders and users. Establishes protections for minor account holders of conversational artificial intelligence services. Beginning January 1, 2027, requires operators to submit annual reports to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs containing certain information. Allows the Department of the Attorney General to bring a civil action against operators who violate certain requirements and establishes statutory penalties.

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<u>HB2503</u>	RELATING TO FIREWORKS. Authorizes civil asset forfeiture related to fireworks offenses involving fireworks with a total weight of twenty-five pounds or more. Amends the definition of "aerial device". Clarifies that the offense of sending or receiving fireworks or articles pyrotechnic by air delivery applies regardless of whether the offender accompanies the air delivery.	JHA
<u>HB2504</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop and maintain comprehensive Housing Equity Dashboard on the Corporation's website that provides annual public reporting on certain statistics regarding affordable housing production. Appropriates funds.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB2505</u>	RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT. Requires community health outpatient programs to prepare a certificate for assisted community treatment and provide the certificate to a defendant. Requires a petition for assisted community treatment to be heard within five days after the petition is filed.	HLT, JHA
<u>HB2506</u>	RELATING TO THE MINIMUM WAGE. Amends the minimum monthly guaranteed compensation an individual must earn to be exempt from certain wage and hour requirements. Requires the minimum wage to increase to \$18.00 per hour beginning 1/1/2027, instead of 1/1/2028. Increases the minimum wage on 1/1/2028, 1/1/2029, and 1/1/2030. Prohibits tipped employees from being paid less than the minimum wage. Beginning on 9/30/2030, and on September 30 of each year thereafter, requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to calculate an adjusted minimum wage rate.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB2507</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires all health insurers in the State, including Medicaid managed care programs, to cover the cost of continuous glucose monitors and related supplies under certain conditions. Applies to insurance policies, contracts, plans, or agreements issued or renewed in the State after 12/31/2026.	HLT/HSH, CPC, FIN

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<u>HB2508</u>	RELATING TO AIR MEDICAL SERVICES. Establishes the Statewide Air Medical Services Program within the Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch to coordinate and strengthen air medical services. Provides for an air medical director, an air medical program manager, and an air medical coordinator. Provides for annual licensure and accreditation fees to be deposited into the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund for costs of the program.	HLT, FIN
<u>HB2509</u>	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Establishes a three-year homelessness sanctuary pilot program to be administered by the Coordinator on Homelessness on designated land for the pilot program, which shall serve as a safe location for unhoused women and young children, under the age of ten, to reside and access services. Requires the Coordinator on Homelessness and the Coordinator's partner agencies to provide certain facilities and services to the designated location. Requires reporting to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB2510</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes an income tax credit for employers who provide paid family and medical leave for their employees.	LAB, ECD, FIN
<u>HB2511</u>	RELATING TO ELECTION INTEGRITY. Requires voter registration roll maintenance and election audits. Establishes uniform chain-of-custody standards for ballots and election materials. Appropriates moneys.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2512</u>	RELATING TO MEDICAL FREEDOM. Protects the right of individuals to make autonomous decisions regarding medical interventions without discrimination, coercion, or exclusion by public or private entities. Requires the Department of Health to amend its rules. Requires a report to the Legislature.	HLT, CPC, JHA
<u>HB2513</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FOR MINORS. Prohibits medical procedures and the distribution of hormones or puberty blockers for the purpose of allowing a minor to change their sex to correlate with an identified gender. Allows for certain exceptions. Creates both a private and state right of action. Outlines sanctions through the proper licensing authority for violations.	HLT/HSH, CPC, JHA

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<u>HB2514</u>	RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. Establishes the Office of the State Construction Manager within the Department of Accounting and General Services, overseen by the State Construction Manager, to organize, manage, and oversee design review of, and issue design approvals for, state construction projects. Exempts state construction projects from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements under certain circumstances, as determined by the State Construction Manager. Establishes the Design Review Special Fund and appropriates funds into and out of the fund.	LAB, WAL, FIN
<u>HB2515</u>	RELATING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING. Establishes the Workforce Housing Regulatory Sandbox Program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Establishes an advisory council within the Workforce Housing Regulatory Sandbox Program to advise on environmental and cultural practices within specific developments. Establishes a position. Requires annual reports to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2031.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB2516</u>	RELATING TO HELMETS. Increases the age of an individual who is required to wear a helmet for electric foot scooters and bicycles. Prohibits a person from operating a high-speed electric bicycle, or a class 3 electric bicycle, unless that person wears a helmet.	TRN, JHA
<u>HB2517</u>	RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION. Establishes a statewide framework for the assessment and the award of academic credit for prior learning acquired through military service, workforce training, apprenticeships, professional certifications, and other structured learning experiences outside of traditional classrooms.	HED, FIN
<u>HB2518</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Requires the University of Hawaii to develop a facilities and student housing master plan. Requires reports to the Legislature.	HED, HSG, FIN
<u>HB2519</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes block appropriations and increases fiscal flexibility for the University of Hawaii. Establishes a University of Hawaii Budget Stabilization Fund, authorizes limited procurement and fiscal exemptions, and implements performance-based funding metrics. Requires annual fiscal and performance reporting to the Legislature and provides a transition framework for the move to block budgeting.	HED, FIN

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<u>HB2520</u>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Clarifies that references to the base amount in section 41, Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall not apply to the tax credit for research activities, and that the tax credit for qualified research expenses may be claimed without regard to expenses in previous years. Increases the annual cap on the total amount of credits that may be certified by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.</p>	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2521</u>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Exempts from the general excise tax the sale of groceries, health care services, and utility services. Defines terms.</p>	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2522</u>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Eliminates the Hawaii state income tax starting with the 2028 taxable year. Requires the Department of Taxation to submit a report to address the expected tax revenue shortfall and to propose conforming amendments to the Hawaii Revised Statutes.</p>	FIN
<u>HB2523</u>	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOL REPAIRS.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Education to establish an electronic dashboard on its website that details the status of repair projects at all department schools.</p>	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2524</u>	<p>RELATING TO AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.</p> <p>Requires the Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Education focusing on financial efficiency and administrative overhead costs affecting department of education schools on the island of Oahu.</p>	EDN, LMG, FIN
<u>HB2525</u>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Establishes a refundable income tax credit for the retention and housing of certain police officers.</p>	JHA, ECD, FIN
<u>HB2526</u>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Establishes a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for a certain percentage of expenses paid to retrofit a residence with wind resistive devices or to purchase, install, or construct, a hurricane shelter on the taxpayer's property. Reduces the general excise tax rate on the gross proceeds or income from the sale of a concrete certified hurricane-resistant residential project or certain hurricane-resistant components of a high-rise condominium. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Sunsets 12/31/2030.</p>	PBS/ECD, CPC, FIN

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<u>HB2527</u>	RELATING TO MILITARY BENEFITS. Repeals portions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that confer special benefits, protections, privileges, or entitlements to members of the United States armed forces in the State in the event that the United States government or any agency or entity of the United States government commences condemnation proceedings of any land or interest in land owned or held by the State.	PBS/ECD, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2528</u>	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE RANKED-CHOICE VOTING IN ELECTIONS AND ELIMINATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS. Amends the Hawaii State Constitution to require the use of ranked-choice voting in all elections and eliminate primary elections.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2529</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE THIRTEENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the thirteenth representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2530</u>	RELATING TO TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIOS. Requires the Board of Education and collective bargaining units to calculate student-to-teacher ratios for class sizes according to a prescribed method to promote quality education and positive student-teacher interactions. Informs parents if changes to class sizes are needed.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2531</u>	RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION. Ensures Department of Education and charter school students receive nonpartisan information, before reaching voting age, on how to properly preregister or register to vote.	EDN, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2532</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN FLAG. Requires cooperative housing corporations, planned community associations, and condominium associations to allow owners to display the Hawaiian flag within the owner's property. Allows reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on Hawaiian flag displays to protect a substantial interest of the association or corporation.	CAA, CPC, JHA

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<u>HB2533</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to provide additional benefits to: (1) teachers with special assignments where their duties and responsibilities are greater than their ordinary duties and responsibilities; (2) teachers in Hawaiian language medium education whose responsibilities are greater or unique and require additional language skills; and (3) teachers at special needs schools. Appropriates moneys.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2534</u>	RELATING TO ROBOTICS. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Education to establish robotics as an interscholastic sport.	EDN, ECD, FIN
<u>HB2535</u>	RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES. Authorizes an increase in the volume of manufactured alcoholic beverages permissible under a small craft producer pub license. Increases the amount of alcohol manufactured on small craft producer pub licensees' premises that may be sold in recyclable containers.	ECD, CPC
<u>HB2536</u>	RELATING TO MEDICAL BILLING. Establishes the Office of Payment Monitoring within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to monitor and enforce prompt payment of clean claims for reimbursement from health or sickness insurers. Appropriates moneys.	CPC, FIN
<u>HB2537</u>	RELATING TO THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS. Establishes patient rights with respect to timely access to specialists and referrals and prior authorization determination timelines. Establishes certain requirements for health carriers for prior authorization determinations. Establishes certain requirements for the use of automated decision support tools for claims determinations and utilization review. Requires health carriers to establish certain safeguards for protected health information. Establishes certain reporting requirements for network adequacy. Establishes certain provider protections. Expands the Insurance Commissioner's enforcement authority.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB2538</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ELEVENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the eleventh representative district.	FIN

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<u>HB2539</u>	RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. Establishes the right of a person to record law enforcement activities. Establishes a private right of action for any violation of the right to record law enforcement activities.	JHA
<u>HB2540</u>	RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. Prohibits with certain exceptions, the use of facial coverings and requires visible identification by law enforcement officers and their vehicles in the performance of their duties. Requires state and county law enforcement agencies to establish policies regarding state and county cooperation with federal civil immigration enforcement. Prohibits law enforcement officers from prolonging a stop to inquire about a person's civil immigration status. Establishes criminal offenses for improper facial coverings, lack of visible identification, and unauthorized civil immigration interrogation.	ECD, JHA
<u>HB2541</u>	RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION. Prohibits discrimination based on a person's immigration status.	ECD, LAB, JHA
<u>HB2542</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FIFTIETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the fiftieth representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2543</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SECOND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the second representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2544</u>	RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. Makes permanent, rather than repealing upon the adoption of relevant administrative rules, the Department of Land and Natural Resources' authority to establish a transaction fee for certain services rendered by the Bureau of Conveyances for each recording in the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court. Amends the authorized uses of moneys in the Bureau of Conveyances Special Fund. Repeals language that required the Bureau of Conveyances' microfilm fees to be established by rules. Effective 1/1/2027.	WAL, FIN

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<u>HB2545</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish the Small Business Innovation Research Matching Program. Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, in collaboration with the Department of Education, to establish a STEM education outreach program. Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to develop an economic diversification strategic plan. Appropriates funds for economic diversification and defense ecosystem development.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2546</u>	RELATING TO TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. Restores the provision that makes references to the Internal Revenue Code's base-amount requirement inapplicable to the Research Activities Tax Credit, allowing all qualified research expenses to be claimed without regard to prior-year expenses. Increases the annual cap for the Research Activities Tax Credit.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2547</u>	RELATING TO CORPORATE BONDS. Authorizes the Director of Finance to invest certain state moneys in short-term investment grade corporate bonds.	FIN
<u>HB2548</u>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. Establishes the Climate-Resilient Food Systems Grant Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Appropriates funds.	AGR, EEP, FIN
<u>HB2549</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. Establishes a Clean Plant Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to support the production, maintenance, and distribution of disease-free, clean plant material to growers, nurseries, and other agricultural producers in the State. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB2550</u>	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish rules to enforce the Akamai Arrival Program. Requires DAB to strengthen enforcement of plant and non-domestic animal quarantine and microorganism importations.	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2551</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for the Area-Wide Fruit Fly Suppression Program.	AGR, FIN

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<u>HB2552</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE LICENSURE WAIVERS. Authorizes the waiver of certain healthcare worker licensure requirements during emergencies. Requires an annual report to the legislature.	HLT, PBS, CPC
<u>HB2553</u>	RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION. Requires the State Building Code Council to provide greater flexibility for the use of alternative materials, designs, or methods of construction within the specifications of the Hawaii state building codes. Authorizes procurement debriefing and award protests for awards that do not account for the alternatives.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB2554</u>	RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE. Establishes, within the Office of the Governor, the Office of the State Search and Rescue Coordinator to review, assess, coordinate, prepare, and manage plans and resources for search and rescue operations statewide. Sunsets on . Appropriates moneys.	PBS, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2555</u>	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Exempts food and groceries from the general excise tax. Expands the general excise tax exemption implemented in 2024 for certain medical and dental services to include all medical and dental services.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2556</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the department of education to equip all classroom doors with interior locks, maintain a public address system, feature an emergency access route, and maintain fire alarms. Mandates the establishment of a school emergency management plan. Requires schools to conduct regular testing and emergency preparedness drills. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2557</u>	RELATING TO FINANCIAL LITERACY. Requires the University of Hawaii System to implement a financial literacy program offered at all campuses at no cost to students. Appropriates funds.	HED, FIN
<u>HB2558</u>	RELATING TO TELEHEALTH. Expands telehealth services to residents in the State by providers who perform certain medical treatments out-of-state via telehealth.	HLT, CPC

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<u>HB2559</u>	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE. Prohibits real estate brokers from marketing the sale of residential real estate to a limited or exclusive group of prospective buyers or brokers, with limited exception. Considers the practice a violation of the Fair Practices Act and grounds for discipline.	HSG, CPC
<u>HB2560</u>	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Establishes a two-year-pilot program within the Department of Education, to be headed by the State Coordinator for Education for Homeless Children and Youth, to provide temporary financial stabilization assistance to families with students identified as experiencing homelessness. Funds the program through the Department of Human Services using allowable Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.	EDN, HSH, FIN
<u>HB2561</u>	RELATING TO FERAL ANIMALS. Designates feral chickens on public lands, in a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more, as a controllable pest for purposes of public health and nuisance prevention. Prohibits the intentional keeping, maintaining, or supporting of feral chickens on state or certain city lands, including by feeding or placing chickens in such areas. Prohibits the abandonment of chickens on public lands or on private property without consent. Establishes fines and authorized enforcing agencies.	AGR, WAL, JHA
<u>HB2562</u>	RELATING TO WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS. Establishes statewide health care worker safety and workplace violence prevention requirements for health care facilities. Requires enforcement by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in coordination with the Department of Health.	HLT, LAB, FIN
<u>HB2563</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Board of Education to adopt a policy that bans the use of phones and related devices by students during school hours, except for instructional purposes, to begin in the 2027-2028 school year.	EDN, JHA
<u>HB2564</u>	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Provides funding for rental or lease of facilities under legislative appropriations and bond authorizations to the state public charter school commission for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of public charter school improvements. Appropriates general funds for infrastructure costs, rental or lease assistance, and the repair and maintenance of network infrastructure for charter schools.	EDN, FIN

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<u>HB2565</u>	RELATING TO TEACHERS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to provide monetary awards to educators who are recognized by the legislature, during education week, for their accomplishments, excellence in teaching, leadership, and service.	EDN, LAB, FIN
<u>HB2566</u>	RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES. Authorizes the issuance of special number license plates for members of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol.	CAA, PBS, FIN
<u>HB2567</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes the Early Childhood Education Investment Special Fund. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB2568</u>	RELATING TO THE FILM INDUSTRY. Increases the fee amount collected from taxpayers claiming the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit and requires a portion of funds collected from the fee to be used to support the vertical film industry in the State.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2569</u>	RELATING TO OUTDOOR SIGNAGE. Requires the display of outdoor advertising devices, including digital outdoor signage devices, to be allowed within the Waikiki Special District and requires the adoption of necessary county ordinances. Allows the display of outdoor advertising devices, including digital outdoor signage devices, within the Stadium Development District with the authorization of the Stadium Authority.	ECD/TOU, WAL, FIN
<u>HB2570</u>	RELATING TO SPORTS WAGERING. Allows for the regulation of sports wagering by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Establishes licensing requirements for sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers. Establishes a general excise tax to be levied on sports wagering operator licenses. Establishes the Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment Special Fund to be administered and expended by the Department of Health. Specifies that legal sports wagering and fantasy sports contests shall not be considered contests of chance or gambling. Authorizes the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to perform criminal history record checks on applicants and licensees relating to sports wagering.	ECD, JHA, FIN

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<u>HB2571</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY. Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and converts the position from temporary to permanent.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB2572</u>	RELATING TO SUBSISTENCE GARDENING. Establishes within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity a temporary Subsistence-Plus Gardening Pilot Program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB2573</u>	RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Establishes a five-year agriculture and biosecurity workforce development pilot program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, in collaboration with the University of Hawaii's Leeward Community College and the Department of Human Resources Development. Requires a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031.	AGR, HED, FIN
<u>HB2574</u>	RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM. Clarifies that the Preschool Open Doors Program is open to all children, including children in foster care, who meet the eligibility requirements of the program.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB2575</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Applies the retail or higher general excise tax or use tax rate to purchases or imports of new motor vehicles by rental car companies. Appropriates funds for a position in the Department of Taxation.	TRN, ECD, FIN
<u>HB2576</u>	RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS. Authorizes applicants, operators, and third-party employers, rather than the Department of Health, to conduct background checks of employees and adult volunteers at healthcare facilities.	HLT, JHA
<u>HB2577</u>	RELATING TO LICENSING OF ELECTRONIC LITERARY MATERIAL. Establishes limits and restrictions on licensing contracts between libraries and publishers for electronic literary materials and provides options for remedy. Suspends enforcement until at least one other state enacts a similar law.	EDN, JHA, FIN

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<u>HB2578</u>	RELATING TO DUE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR TAX. Provides that a determination of personal liability for another person's unpaid taxes is an assessment subject to the due process procedures and appeals available for other assessments.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2579</u>	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Requires the Department of Human Services to record any child welfare interview conducted by the Department when administering certain child welfare services. Requires the Department to store the recordings for a minimum of five years and under certain conditions. Prohibits the sharing of the recordings unless certain conditions are met. Establishes criminal penalties for violating prohibitions against sharing of the recordings.	HSH, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2580</u>	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS. Establishes the Ombudsman's Office for Condominium Associations within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Updates the Condominium Property Act to integrate the role and functions of the ombudsman's office for condominium associations. Appropriates funds from the Condominium Education Trust Fund for establishment of the Ombudsman's Office for Condominium Associations.	CPC, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2581</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Clarifies the types of events that constitute disasters and emergencies for the purposes of emergency management.	PBS, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2582</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. Amends the membership and responsibilities of the Public Land Trust Working Group established under Act 226, SLH 2022. Requires the Working Group to submit four reports to the Legislature: by 8/1/2027, a first interim report regarding Act 178, SLH 2006, financial reporting and accounting; by 12/1/2027, a second interim report regarding the public land trust inventory; by 6/1/2028, a third interim report that includes a preliminary draft of findings and recommendations regarding Act 178 financial reporting and accounting and the public land trust inventory; and by 10/1/2028, a final report that includes proposed legislation. Authorizes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to provide administrative support to the Working Group in coordination with a third-party consultant.	WAL, JHA

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<u>HB2583</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes the Hawaii Micro-Lending Credit Enhancement Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to expand micro-lending capacity by providing state-funded loan loss reserves or other credit enhancement that absorbs first losses on qualified micro-loans made by participating lenders to Hawaii small businesses. Allows borrower fees and state matching contributions to capitalize lender-held loan loss reserve accounts. Establishes the Hawaii Micro-Lending Credit Enhancement Special Fund. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2584</u>	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST. Temporarily increases the total amount of public land trust revenues transferred to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, while reaffirming the State's obligation to the twenty per cent pro rata share pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution. Repeals 6/30/2028.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB2585</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM. Establishes statewide, uniform standards to promote agricultural tourism activities in the State for all counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance. Requires agricultural tourism activities to be registered by the county planning department. Requires agricultural tourism activities to coexist with an agricultural activity on a farming operation and requires termination of the agricultural tourism activities upon cessation of the agricultural activity, except under certain circumstances. Makes conforming amendments.	TOU/AGR, WAL, JHA
<u>HB2586</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Applies the retail or higher general excise tax or use tax rate to purchases or imports of new motor vehicles by rental car companies. Appropriates funds for a position in the Department of Taxation. Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to address the beneficiary waiting list.	TRN/ECD, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2587</u>	RELATING TO LABOR. Clarifies the employment status of certain delivery drivers under state laws related to workers' compensation, wage and hour, temporary disability insurance, family leave, tax classification of business relationships, and unemployment insurance by establishing conditions under which delivery drivers are deemed employees of the business operating the delivery program.	LAB, JHA

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<u>HB2588</u>	RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING. Establishes an American Sign Language Program at the University of Hawaii and appropriates funding for the program.	HED, FIN
<u>HB2589</u>	RELATING TO DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE. Makes a second conviction for operating a motor vehicle without a license within a five-year period a Class A felony if the defendant's actions result in the death of another person. Adds forfeiture of a vehicle as a penalty on a second conviction for operating a motor vehicle without a license within a five-year period.	TRN, JHA
<u>HB2590</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Imposes the manufacturing general excise tax rate on motion picture, digital media, and film productions and repeals the provision in the definition of "qualified production costs" that applied the term to mean costs incurred that are subject to the highest general excise tax rate. Exempts from the general excise tax amounts received by a motion picture project employer from a client company equal to amounts that are disbursed by the motion picture project employer for employee wages, salaries, payroll taxes, insurance premiums, and employment benefits and payments to loan-out companies.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2591</u>	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Requires the Chief Data Officer to enhance the State's open data portal website through the phased development and publishing of an artificial intelligence chatbot and necessary data visualizations on statewide shared data sets to assist the public in navigating the open data portal website and finding information about statewide services across state departments and agencies. Requires the Chief Data Officer to develop a system to evaluate and select for procurement artificial intelligence governance tools for use by state departments and agencies and establish a mechanism for reporting and publication of artificial intelligence use cases and artificial intelligence vendors used by the departments and agencies. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN

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<u>HB2592</u>	RELATING TO THE MAUNA KEA STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY. Clarifies the powers of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority so that it may carry out its intended duties regarding land use on Mauna Kea. Part II: Transfers as a matter of law certain real property interests in the Mauna Kea lands to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Part III: Requires the University of Hawaii to transfer the various Mauna Kea astronomical observatory conservation district use permits to the astronomical observatories. Part IV: Provides that the existing plans and administrative rules adopted or developed by the University of Hawaii under which Mauna Kea is currently governed remain in effect until plans and administrative rules adopted by the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority take effect. Part V: Clarifies that the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority has state sovereign immunity.	WAL, HED, JHA
<u>HB2593</u>	RELATING TO MAUNA KEA. Extends for 10 years the master lease of Mauna Kea lands that is set to expire on December 31, 2033. Requires that subleases of Mauna Kea lands to astronomical observatories be extended for 10 years.	WAL, HED, JHA
<u>HB2594</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Directs the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to conduct a study on insurance coverage for small agricultural producers. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB2595</u>	RELATING TO REGIONAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION. Establishes the Regional Agricultural Feasibility and Food Systems Production Studies Working Group within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to provide coordinated, region-specific agricultural production and crop feasibility analysis across the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2028.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB2596</u>	RELATING TO PLANTS. Requires persons who sell or offer plants for sale at retail to provide information on the risk of invasiveness of the plant species. Requires the Invasive Species Council to develop a labeling system for plants that displays the plants' weed risk assessments. Establishes fines for violations. Effective 1/1/2027.	AGR, CPC, JHA

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RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ECD, FIN

Requires the Chief Data Officer to enhance the State's open data portal website through the phased development and publishing of an artificial intelligence chatbot and necessary data visualizations on statewide shared data sets to assist the public in navigating the open data portal website and finding information about statewide services across state departments and agencies. Requires the Chief Data Officer to develop a system to evaluate and select for procurement artificial intelligence governance tools for use by state departments and agencies and establish a mechanism for reporting and publication of artificial intelligence use cases and artificial intelligence vendors used by the departments and agencies. Appropriates funds.

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

ECD, FIN

Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish the Hawaii Made IT Program to certify local information technology vendors for use by state and county agencies in procurement. Establishes vendor requirements. Establishes reporting requirements.

[HB2599](#)

RELATING TO AQUATIC PROTECTION.

WAL, FIN

Requires the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to manage the aquatic life and aquatic resources of the State with the highest priority given to protecting, restoring, and maintaining ecosystem integrity and use the best scientific data available. Requires the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to set goals to substantially increase coral-reef resilience around Oahu and develop a framework to meet those goals, with annual reports to the Legislature.

[HB2600](#)

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

JHA, FIN

Appropriates funds to the Office of the Public Defender for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Deputy Public Defender III position.

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<u>HB2601</u>	RELATING TO TRADE-ORIENTED PRODUCTION CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM. Establishes the Trade-Oriented Production Capacity Grant Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support one-time capital investments that expand the State's manufacturing and production capacity for trade. Provides grants for equipment, automation, and facility improvements that directly increase output, efficiency, and competitiveness for eligible businesses, with required private-sector matching funds. Prioritizes traded-sector businesses with interstate or international market potential to help generate measurable near-term trade and economic returns. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB2602</u>	RELATING TO A SUSTAINABLE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE. Establishes the sustainable tourism infrastructure matching grant program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support one-time capital investments that advance measurable sustainability and climate resilience outcomes within the State's visitor industry. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	TOU/ECD, EEP, FIN
<u>HB2603</u>	RELATING TO PERMITS. Establishes specific deadlines within the facilitated application process to obtain a permit and requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish certain resources and processes to help streamline permit applications. Establishes and appropriates funds for positions within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.	ECD, WAL, FIN
<u>HB2604</u>	RELATING TO PERFORMING ARTS. Establishes a performing arts ticket surcharge on the sale of certain performing arts tickets for an event held in the State.	CAA, FIN
<u>HB2605</u>	RELATING TO THE ARTS. Establishes a position within the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to support implementation and coordination of specialized arts programs and therapeutic arts interventions for underserved and neurodiverse populations. Appropriates funds for the position.	CAA, FIN

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<u>HB2606</u>	RELATING TO OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION. Implements certain recommendations of the SPEED Task Force. Establishes and appropriates funds for a working group within the State Building Code Council to develop proposals for an off-site construction program.	HSG, WAL, FIN
<u>HB2607</u>	RELATING TO PUBLICITY RIGHTS. Protects a person's right to publicity from artificial intelligence deepfakes.	ECD, JHA
<u>HB2608</u>	RELATING TO WATER HEATING SYSTEMS. Authorizes building permit variances for certain high-efficiency electric water heating systems utilizing heat pump technology, rather than solar water heater systems. Expands the renewable energy technologies income tax credit to include high-efficiency electric water heating systems.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB2609</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Defines "portable solar generation device" and establishes certain requirements for their regulation and use exclusively within units in condominiums organized pursuant to Chapter 514B, HRS. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish an online registration system. Clarifies that portable solar generation devices are subject to certain approval procedures for installation in condominiums. Requires reports to the Legislature.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB2610</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the thirty-seventh representative district.	FIN
<u>HB2611</u>	RELATING TO ANTITRUST. Prohibits the use of algorithmic price-setting in Hawaii's rental market. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to develop and undertake a public education program regarding the prohibition. Establishes fines and penalties.	HSG, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2612</u>	RELATING TO MORTGAGES. Clarifies that a mortgage does not exist independent of the debt it secures and shall not be independently enforceable from the debt.	CPC, JHA

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[HB2613](#)

RELATING TO HEMP.

Permits the sale of commercial drink products that contain no more than 10 milligrams of hemp-derived cannabinoids to persons twenty-one years of age or older. Establishes penalties for the sale or furnishing of cannabinoid drink products to, and the purchase or possession of cannabinoid drink products by, persons under twenty-one years of age.

HLT, CPC, JHA

[HB2614](#)

RELATING TO DECEPTIVE PRACTICES.

CPC, FIN

Requires merchants that sell cosmetics to accept returns of new or unopened goods within specified timeframes. Clarifies the definition of "conspicuous sign" and expands required placement of return and refund policy signage. Beginning 7/1/2027, requires merchants that receive three or more warning letters from the Office of Consumer Protection for failure to post required signage to display standardized return and refund policy signs provided by the Office. Establishes exemptions for certain merchants. Appropriates funds.

[HB2615](#)

RELATING TO THE RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS.

WAL, JHA

Authorizes the recording of a notice of pendency of investigation in the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court to alert potential purchasers or encumbrancers to investigations of reported or suspected violations of law concerning real property or affecting the title to, or the right of possession of, real property. Specifies the requirements, contents, effect, and procedures for the expiration or expungement of the notice. Requires the registrar to accept for recordation notices of pendency of investigation submitted by authorized government agencies.

[HB2616](#)

RELATING TO THE BANYAN DRIVE-MAKAOKŪ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WAL, FIN

Establishes the Banyan Drive-Makaokū Community Development District as an entity within the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Establishes the Banyan Drive-Makaokū Community Development District Special Fund. Specifies the powers and duties of the Authority as it relates to the new development district and amends the composition of the Authority to include representatives of the new development district. Appropriates funds.

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<u>HB2617</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO. Establishes the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Authorizes the Hawaiian Language College Revolving Fund to include moneys from any revenue source and requires expenditures in the fund to be used to support the Imiloa Astronomy Center. Requires the Hawaiian Early Learning Trust Fund to support the Hawaiian-Language-Medium Education Pathway. Establishes a cap on individual deposits into the Hawaiian Language College Revolving Fund and the Hawaiian Early Learning Trust Fund.	HED, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2618</u>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Requires the Governor to request, through a bill separate from the budget or supplemental budget, an amount of general funds that approximates the additional revenue generated by any increase to the transient accommodations tax rate and by assessment of the transient accommodations tax on gross rental proceeds derived from cruise fares for certain climate change and tourism destination management projects.	EEP, TOU, FIN
<u>HB2619</u>	RELATING TO HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCTS. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules to authorize and regulate farm kitchens on the same basis as home kitchens producing homemade food products.	HLT, AGR, CPC
<u>HB2620</u>	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR REFERENDUM. Proposes a constitutional amendment for the establishment of a legislative referendum process that allows the Legislature to refer acts to voters for approval or rejection.	LMG, JHA, FIN
<u>HB2621</u>	RELATING TO STUDENT MISCONDUCT. Requires public schools to report to the Department of Education any incident involving physical violence. Requires the Department of Education to collect and maintain data on incidents involving physical violence at public schools and make such data publicly available. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.	EDN, JHA
<u>HB2622</u>	RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS. Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to increase access to bilingual resources and services for residents with limited English proficiency.	PBS, FIN

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[HB2623](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.

FIN

Establishes a wealth proceeds surcharge on high-income individuals, estates, and trusts. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026.

[HB2624](#)

RELATING TO THE COUNTIES.

EEP, WAL, CPC

PART I: Authorizes county boards of water supply to produce, use, and sell electricity generated from renewable energy sources. PART II: Authorizes counties to establish a process by which subcounty governing entities can designate funding streams within the county budget and submit budget allocation resolutions to county councils.

[HB2625](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.

HSG, WAL, FIN

Establishes the Vacant and Blighted Residential Property Redevelopment Program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Appropriates funds.